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Town Officers

of

FRANCESTOWN, N.H.

for the year ending December 31, 1996

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FRANCESTOWN TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Paul H. Lawrence	Term Expires 1998
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SELECTMEN

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
John W. Jenkins	Term Expires 1998
Scott S. Carbee	Term Expires 1999

TOWN TREASURER

Randall S. Wheeler	Term Expires 1999
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TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McClary	Term Expires 1999
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TAX COLLECTOR

Elaine T. McClary	Term Expires 1999
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kimberlee P. Dalley, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
Constance C. Varnum	Term Expires 1998
Diane Sweet	Term Expires 1999

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Whittemore	Term Expires 1997
Louis Wiederhold	Term Expires 1998
Herbert A. Fincher	Term Expires 1999

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara J. Carbee	Term Expires 1997
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SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST

Helen Johnston	Term Expires 1998
Bernice E. Miller, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Carol Ireland	Term Expires 2002

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Gordon R. Sherman	Term Expires 1997
Stuart F. Clark Jr.	Term Expires 1998
O. Alan Thulander	Term Expires 1999

FIREWARDS

Donald C. Abbott	Term Expires 1997
David A. Ballou	Term Expires 1997
Brian Delahanty	Term Expires 1997
Richard F. Leavitt	Term Expires 1997
Alvin L. VanCleave	Term Expires 1997

PLANNING BOARD

Abigail Arnold, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
O. Alan Thulander, Ex-officio	Term Expires 1997
Sandra L. Ellis	Term Expires 1997
Lisa J. Podsadowski	Term Expires 1998
Peter M. Zahn	Term Expires 1998
Kenneth Campbell	Term Expires 1999
Mary Frances Carey	Term Expires 1999

Alternates Appointed by Planning Board

Catherine L. Ebbv	Term Expires 1997
Ben Watson	Term Expires 1998
Sara Cox	Term Expires 1999

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Denise Glover, School Board Member	Term Expires 1999
Gary W. Gagnon, Moderator	Term Expires 1997

APPOINTMENTS By Selectmen:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard Kiczek	Term Expires 1997
Guy A. Swenson Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 1997
Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 1998
Herbert A. Fincher	Term Expires 1999
Richard S. Mikula	Term Expires 1999
Alternates	
Dean L. Mottard	Term Expires 1997
Ann Soper	Term Expires 1998
Charles Pyle	Term Expires 1999

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

Marianne McDaniel	Term Expires 1997
Gary L. Collins, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Jeffrey R. Gorton	Term Expires 1999

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ralph S. Quilty	Term Expires 1997
Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 1997
Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 1998
Harold A. Varnum	Term Expires 1998
David A. Jonas, Chairman	Term Expires 1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leila D. Wilder	Term Expires 1997
Jeffrey R. Gorton, Chairman	Term Expires 1998
Hannah Proctor	Term Expires 1998
Dodie S. Finlayson	Term Expires 1999
Peter P. Kostecki	Term Expires 1999
Robert C. Lindgren	Term Expires 1999
Matthew Roy	Term Expires 1999
Alternates	
Constance C. Varnum	Term Expires 1997
Taisto T. Holm	Term Expires 1998

BOARD OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Richard C. Cilley	Term Expires 1997
Paul V. Ellis, Chairman	Term Expires 1997
Robert P. Hunsaker	Term Expires 1997
Richard Kiczek	Term Expires 1997
Richard K. Wheeler	Term Expires 1997

RECREATION COMMISSION

Peter A. Bixby	Term Expires 1997
Kris N. Stewart	Term Expires 1997
Patricia Schell	Term Expires 1998
Scott Jenkins	Term Expires 1999
Larry Laber	Term Expires 1999
Paul H. Lawrence	Term Expires 1999
Alternates	
Demetria McKaig	Term Expires 1999
James C. Nealand	Term Expires 1999

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Frank R. Hanchett	Term Expires 1997
Abigail Arnold	Term Expires 1997
O. Alan Thulander	Term Expires 1997
Luis A. Gallop	Term Expires 1998
Barbara A. Radtke	Term Expires 1998
Veda O'Neill	Term Expires 1999
Alternates	
Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lori J. Ricci

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER

Kathi L. Kendall

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Janet Kiczek

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Janet Kiczek

ROAD AGENT

Clayton F. Foote Jr.

BUILDING & SITE INSPECTOR

Joseph Ludwig

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Donald C. Abbott

HEALTH OFFICER

Louis Wiederhold, MD

POLICE OFFICERS

Peter M. Flood, Chief
Philip J. Woodbury, Lieutenant
Robert F. Camelio, Sergeant
Thomas J. Thibeault, Sergeant
Richard A. Belanger, Officer
Steven H. Lape, Officer
Kevin P. Tucker, Officer

DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

O. Alan Thulander

HISTORIAN

Kris Holmes

BALLOT CLERKS

Barbara J. Carbee, Sirkka T. Holm
Dolores Sanchioni, Joan VanCleave, Shirley Jones
Karen Anne St.Cyr, Theo A. Wheeler, Mary T. Tempone,
Sarah H. Pyle

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Susan J. Clay
O. Alan Thulander

STATE SENATOR

Amy Patenaude

**TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 thru 5 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the fifteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Article 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 dealing with the Flood Hazard Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

This amendment, which is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), would (a) add provisions for handling variances and administrative appeals in flood hazard areas and (b) correct clerical errors.
The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Article 3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2, dealing with the Flood Plain Overlay District as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would (1) allow uses such as the erection of buildings in flood hazard areas - which had previously been prohibited and (b) correct clerical errors as required by FEMA.
The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Article 4.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 dealing with the Aquifer Protection District as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would adjust the geographical limits of the district to reflect information recently made available by the latest U.S.G.S. study of the Middle Merrimack River Basin.

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Article 5.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 4 dealing with housing and density requirements as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

The affects of this amendment include (a) decreasing from 6 to 4 the number of allowable units in a multi-family dwelling and increasing multi-family side setbacks from 50 to 75 feet while standardizing the density requirement at 2 acres per unit - the same as required for two-family housing; (b) allowing by right accessory (in-law) apartments and two-family conversions which meet specified performance standards, and (c) amending other sections of the ordinance as required by, or related to, the changes in "a" and "b" preceding. Residential conversions which meet special exception criteria would continue to be allowed if approved by the Board of Adjustment.

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Article 6.

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to reconstruct and pave a portion of Mountain Road beginning at the Bennington Road (Rte 47) intersection; the project to be completed as recommended and described in the report of the Road Improvement Sub-Committee, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to tar a portion of Dodge Hill Road beginning at the intersection of South New Boston Road and ending where the existing pavement begins, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$20,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	15,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	5,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00
Future Town Highway Garage	5,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$76,610.00) to pay for the completion of the Bixby Mill Pond Dam reconstruction; such sum to be raised and appropriated by using the principal plus accrued interest from the Capital Reserve Fund carried forward an estimated amount of (\$25,601.00) and the balance up to Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000.00) to be transferred from the General Fund balance, or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) for the purchase of a government surplus diesel 5-ton Dump Truck up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) and a government surplus snow plow up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), should they become available; such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund "Replacement of Road Equipment" or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

A minority of the Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to purchase the land and primary building located at 27 Main Street, this amount to include the completion of any repairs and renovations deemed necessary;

such sum to be raised and appropriated by using the remaining balance of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the sale of Crotched Mountain Ski Area, and the balance of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to be transferred from the General Fund balance, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$3900.00) as its 1997 contribution to the New Hampshire Length of Service Awards Program for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9160.00) to repair, reroof and paint the bell tower of the Town Hall, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to support Project Lift (Fuller Public Library, Hillsboro) which provides free literacy services and materials to Francestown residents over 16 years of age who are not enrolled in high school, or take any other action relating thereto; (By Petition)

A majority of the Selectmen and a majority of the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to recognize and support the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Francestown, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00); for a person 75 years up to 80 years, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00); for a person 80 years of age or older, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of

not more than Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$13,400.00), or, if married, a combined income of less than Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$20,400.00); and own assets not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) excluding the value of the person's residence, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget & Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

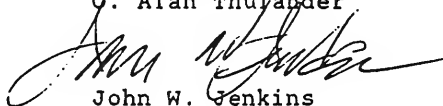
Article 19.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

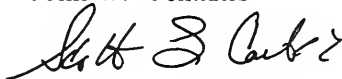
Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-seven.



O. Alan Thulander



John W. Jenkins



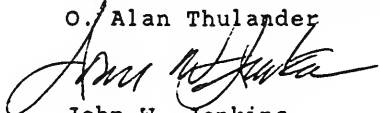
Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen of Francestown

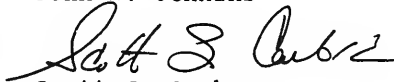
A true copy of Warrant-Attest:



O. Alan Thulander



John W. Jenkins



Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing
year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

February 10, 1997

O. Alan Thulander
John W. Jenkins
Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen
of
Francetown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	1996 Approp	1996 Expended	1997 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$29,175	\$27,681	\$28,566
Election/Town Clerk	26,060	26,269	26,518
Financial Administration	20,775	15,587	19,275
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,950	4,292	5,845
Legal Expenses	40,000	44,170	20,000
Medical Expenses	19,944	18,282	23,035
FICA/Medicare	23,000	22,626	22,468
Unemployment Insurance	1,250	606	1,250
Workman's Compensation	3,000	792	6,007
Dotcom Drug/Alcohol Program	0	540	0
Planning & Zoning	10,800	9,083	10,800
Planning Board Review	5,000	0	5,000
General Bldg Maintenance	16,937	17,332	17,580
Cemeteries	6,525	3,913	6,475
Insurance	33,000	38,533	35,846
Regional Association Dues	654	80	713
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	48,025	46,823	49,175
Ambulance	12,300	12,260	13,069
Fire Department	26,000	25,742	24,300
Building Inspector	800	733	800
Emergency Management	500	20	500
HIGHWAY, STREET, BRIDGES			
Town Maintenance	167,750	161,275	189,884
General Expenses Highway	66,650	77,375	69,925
Resealing & Patching	55,000	53,973	51,000
Graveling	40,000	38,627	23,392
Bridges	19,000	20,663	14,000
Street Lighting	4,200	4,017	4,200
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851	74,062	77,289
Landfill Well Test	4,575	2,131	4,075

HEALTH			
Health Departments	2,712	2,424	2,512
WELFARE			
General Assistance	5,000	1,760	5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation	24,299	20,937	24,790
Library	39,333	38,203	40,993
CONSERVATION			
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,102	900
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000	25,000	25,000
Interest-Long Term Notes	4,935	4,935	3,173
Interest on TAN	5,000	0	2,500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$874,000</u>	<u>\$841,848</u>	<u>\$855,855</u>

WARRANT ARTICLES 1996

Art 4 - Capital Reserves	156,500	156,500	
Art 5 - Police Cruiser	24,950	24,995	
Art 6 - Conservation Fund	10,000	10,000	
Art 7 - Recreation Field	1,861	1,861	
Art 8 - Transfer Station			
Roll-Off Containers	5,000	3,500	
Art 9 - Bixby Mill Dam	55,000	29,399	
Art 10 - New Hwy. Dept. Bldg.	5,000	5,000	
Art 11 - Dump Truck/Pick-Up	11,000	3,800	

WARRANT ARTICLES 1997

Art 7 - Reconstruct/Pave Portion Mountain Road			60,000
Art 8 - Pave A Portion of Dodge Hill Road			10,000
Art 9 - Capital Reserves			76,500
Art 10 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam Completion			76,610
Art 11 - 5-Ton Diesel Dump Truck/Snow Plow			2,500
Art 12 - Conservation Fund			10,000
Art 13 - Purchase of Elementary School On Main St.			130,000
Art 14 - Awards Pgrm/Volunteer Firefighters & EMT's			3,900
Art 15 - Repair Of Bell Tower On Town Hall			9,160

TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	<u>\$269,311</u>	<u>\$235,055</u>	<u>\$378,670</u>
TOTAL BUDGET & WARRANT ART	\$1,143,311	\$1,076,903	\$1,234,525
LESS SOURCES OF REVENUE	<u>306,925</u>	<u>513,336</u>	<u>356,251</u>
NET TOTALS	\$836,386	\$563,567	\$878,274

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated 1996 Revenue	Actual 1996 Revenue	Estimated 1997 Revenue
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	0	3,393	2,700
Yield Taxes	15,000	14,363	10,000
Interest & Penalties Taxes	20,000	31,455	10,000
Inventory Penalties	1,500	4,443	1,500
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	115,000	141,567	130,000
Building Permits	700	815	700
Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,000	6,517	5,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	19,000	49,930	43,000
Highway Block Grant	60,000	59,301	64,750
Miscellaneous	0	4,518	0
Land Fill Closure	0	44,736	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	8,000	31,051	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	0	12,686	50,000
Interest on Investment	2,000	18,284	2,500
Crotched Mt. Firefighters	10,000	0	0
FEMA	0	8,043	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER FROM			
Capital Reserve Fund	47,725	42,234	28,101
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Items From Surplus	0	40,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	\$306,925	\$513,336	\$356,251

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year has been both a difficult and rewarding one for the Town. We look forward to a new elementary school for our children, but face the questions of the Bixby Mill Pond Dam restoration, (see separate report), the disposition of the "Red School" property, (see separate report), and the on-going saga of Crotched Mountain Ski area. The town settled the property tax litigation suit brought by 231 Realty Trust, owner of the Tory Pines Resort, (see separate report). The Selectmen also completed a town-wide reassessment of land, dropping the value of a three acre building lot \$12,600 to \$30,000, reflecting current market trends. We plan to review housing stock values this coming year. Committees to study the town buildings, their current uses, condition, etc; and highway maintenance policies and procedures were established to assist us. We appreciate the many volunteer hours given by all the boards and committees. A special thanks to the Planning Board for the completion of the Master Plan.

Last year the Contoocook Valley School District voted to adopt the ballot system of voting on school appropriations. We urge you to participate and provide our school board with a clear understanding of your feelings on important issues. Remember 63 cents of every tax dollar supports our school system; your vote is important!

Our town will continue to be a wonderful place in which to live and grow as long as we all pitch in. Please Volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

John W. Jenkins

Scott S. Carbee

Board of Selectmen

**TAX YEAR 1996
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
John W. Jenkins
Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen of Francestown
Date: August 27, 1996

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

Current Use (13,218.49 acres)	\$ 1,503,752
Residential (4,088.59 acres)	25,938,900
Commercial/Industrial (565.53 acres)	2,015,400
Total of Taxable Land (17,875.08 acres)	\$29,458,052
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,111,300)	

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

Residential	\$58,893,000
Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	55,300
Commercial/Industrial	2,251,900

Total of Taxable Buildings	\$61,200,200
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,602,300)	

PUBLIC WATER UTILITY	\$27,300
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PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	\$1,277,900
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$91,963,452
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BLIND EXEMPTION (RSA 72:37)

One @ \$15,000	\$15,000
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ELDERLY EXEMPTION (RSA 72:39a)

Optional Adjustment Elderly Exemption
Year Adopted 1991

Number of Individuals Granted	1@	40,000	= \$ 40,000
an Elderly Exemption 1996	2@	60,000	= \$120,000
	2@	80,000	= \$160,000
	1@	56,700	= <u>\$ 56,700</u>

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$376,700
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**NET VALUATION ON WHICH
THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED**

\$91,586,752

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Applicants Granted in Prior Years Number of Acres	New Applicants Granted in 1996 Number of Acres	Total Number Acres
FARM LAND	764.40	0.00	764.40
FOREST LAND	11,279.06	106.30	11,385.36
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	11.00	0	11.00
WET LAND	1,057.73	0	1,057.73
Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use			<u>13,218.49</u>

Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use-1996	1
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Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment	0
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Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Adjustment	3,016.05
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Total Number of Owners granted Current Use Assessment	268
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Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment	0
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1996
OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

March 16, 1996

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
John W. Jenkins
Scott S. Carbee

Selectmen of Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$29,175
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	26,060
Financial Administration	20,775
Revaluation of Property	5,950
Legal Expenses	40,000
Personnel Administration	47,194
Planning & Zoning & Planning Review	15,800
General Government Buildings	16,937
Cemeteries	6,525
Insurance	33,000
Regional Associations	654

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	48,025
Ambulance	12,300
Fire Department	26,000
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways & Streets	329,400
Bridges	19,000
Street Lighting	4,200

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	79,851
Landfill Well Test	4,575

HEALTH

Health Department	2,712
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WELFARE

General Assistance	5,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation	24,299
Library	39,333

CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	\$1,000
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal Long-Term Notes	25,000
Interest Expense Long-Term Notes	4,935
Interest Expense T/A Notes	5,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land and Improvement	56,861
Mach. Veh. & Equip	40,950
TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	
Conservation Fund	10,000
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	
Warrant Articles 4 & 10 Capital Reserve	<u>161,500</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,143,311

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SOURCE OF REVENUE

TAXES	
Yield Taxes	15,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	27,000
Inventory Penalties	1,500
Land Use Change Tax	3,500
LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000
Building Permits	700
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,000
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenue	19,521
Highway Block Grant	59,301
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	
Income From Departments	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Sale of Municipal Property	0
Interest on Investments	11,000
Article 6 (1995)	10,717
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	40,525
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Fund Balance voted from Surplus	40,000
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$369,764

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

TAX RATE

---Town Portion---

Appropriation	1,142,594	
Less: Revenues	<369,764>	
Less: Shared Revenues	<8,028>	
Add: Overlay	24,620	
War Service Credits	<u>4,350</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$793,772	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$8.67

---School Portion---

Due to Regional School District	1,744,542	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><20,707></u>	
Net School Appropriation	\$1,724,472	
School Tax Rate		\$18.83

---County Portion---

Due to County	213,353	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><2,311></u>	
Net County Tax Appropriation	\$211,042	
County Tax Rate		<u>\$2.30</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE \$29.80

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---COMMITMENT ANALYSIS---

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,484,139
Less: War Service Credits	<u><4,400></u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,479,739

---PROOF OF RATE---

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
91,586,752	29.80	2,729,286

---1997 BOND REQUIREMENT---

Treasurer:	72,000
Tax Collector:	316,000
Town Clerk:	17,000
Trustees of Trust Funds:	35,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

Title of Appropriation	Approp	Receipts	Totals	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Carryover
Executive	29,175		29,175	27,681	1,494	0	
Election/ Town Clerk	26,060		26,060	26,269	0	209	
Financial Administration	20,775		20,775	15,587	5,188	0	
Revaluation Updates	5,950		5,950	4,292	1,658	0	
Legal Expenses	40,000		40,000	44,170	0	4,170	
Medical Insurance	19,944		19,944	18,282	1,662	0	
FICA/Medicare	23,000		23,000	22,626	374	0	
Workman's Compensation	3,000		3,000	606	2,394	0	
Dotcom Drug\Alcohol Prgm	0		0	540	0	540	
Unemployment Insurance	1,250		1,250	792	458	0	
Planning & Zoning	10,800		10,800	9,083	1,717	0	
Planning Review	5,000		5,000	0	5,000	0	
General Government Bldg	16,937		16,937	17,332	0	395	
Cemeteries	6,525		6,525	3,913	2,612	0	
Insurance	33,000		33,000	38,533	0	5,533	
Regional Association Dues	654		654	80	574	0	
Police Department	48,025		48,025	46,823	1,202	0	
Ambulance	12,300		12,300	12,260	40	0	
Fire Department	26,000		26,000	25,742	258	0	
Building Inspector	800		800	733	67	0	
Emergency Management	500		500	20	480	0	
Town Maintenance	167,750		167,750	161,275	6,475	0	
General Expenses Highway	66,650		66,650	77,375	0	10,725	
Resealing & Patching	55,000		55,000	53,973	1,027	0	
Gravelling	40,000		40,000	38,627	1,373	0	
Bridges	19,000		19,000	20,663	0	1,663	
Street Lighting	4,200		4,200	4,017	183	0	
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851		79,851	74,062	5,789	0	
Landfill Well Test	4,575		4,575	2,131	2,444	0	
Health Department	2,712		2,712	2,424	288	0	
General Assistance	5,000		5,000	1,760	3,240	0	
Recreation	24,299		24,299	20,937	3,362	0	
Library	39,333		39,333	38,203	1,130	0	
Conservation Commission	1,000		1,000	1,102	0	102	
Principal Long-Term Notes	25,000		25,000	25,000	0	0	
Interest Long-Term Notes	4,935		4,935	4,935	0	0	
Interest Expense T/A Notes	5,000		5,000	0	5,000	0	
Art 4 - Capital Reserves	156,500		156,500	156,500	0	0	0
Art 5 - Police Cruiser	24,950		24,950	24,995	0	45	
Art 6 - Conservation Fund	10,000		10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Art 7 - Recreation Field	1,861		1,861	1,861	0	0	
Art 8 - Roll-Off Containers	5,000		5,000	3,500	1,500	0	
Art 9 - Bixby Mill Dam	55,000		55,000	29,399	0	0	25,601
Art 10 - New Hwy.Dept.Bldg.	5,000		5,000	5,000	0	0	
Art 11 - Dump Truck/Pick-Up	11,000		11,000	3,800	7,200	0	
Totals	\$1,143,311	\$0	\$1,143,311	\$1,076,903	\$64,189	\$23,382	\$25,601
				MINUS OVERDRAFT	\$23,382		
				MINUS CARRYOVER	25,601		
					\$15,206		
				NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS			

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996

Assets

Cash	\$699,616
Investments	15,710
Taxes receivable, net	221,261
Tax liens receivable, net	103,895
Accounts receivable	4,372
Due from other funds	<u>27,898</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,072,752</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$2,701
Due to Conval School District	698,630
Due to other funds	10,000
Deposits	<u>59,616</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>770,947</u>

Fund Balance:	
Reserved for conservation	820
Unreserved:	
Designated for Bixby Mill Dam	25,601
Undesignated	<u>275,384</u>
Total fund balance	<u>301,805</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$1,072,752</u>

TOWN OF FRANCELSTOWN
Statement of Long Term Indebtedness
Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
1988 SERIES A BONDS - NON-GUARANTEED ISSUE

Road Grader & Fire Truck Pumper

Amount of Issue	\$245,500.00
Date of Issue	July 8, 1988
Principal Payable Dates	July 15
Interest Payable Dates	January 15 and July 15

MATURITIES - FISCAL YEAR ENDING

	Principal	Interest	Total
January 15, 1989		8,938.21	
July 15, 1989	25,500.00	8,603.63	43,041.84
January 15, 1990		7,717.50	
July 15, 1990	25,000.00	7,717.50	40,435.00
January 15, 1991		6,848.75	
July 15, 1991	25,000.00	6,848.75	38,697.50
January 15, 1992		5,980.00	
July 15, 1992	25,000.00	5,980.00	36,960.00
January 15, 1993		5,111.25	
July 15, 1993	25,000.00	5,111.25	35,222.50
January 15, 1994		4,230.00	
July 15, 1994	25,000.00	4,230.00	33,460.00
January 15, 1995		3,348.75	
July 15, 1995	25,000.00	3,348.75	31,697.50
January 15, 1996		2,467.50	
July 15, 1996	25,000.00	2,467.50	29,935.00
January 15, 1997		1,586.25	
July 15, 1997	25,000.00	1,586.25	28,172.50
January 15, 1998		705.00	
July 15, 1998	20,000.00	705.00	21,410.00
TOTALS	245,500.00	93,531.84	339,031.84

NIC = 7.0310%

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996)**

LOCATION	ACRES	VALUE
MAP 5 LOT 68 - Land	11.80	\$54,900
Transfer Station Buildings		2,300
 MAP 12 LOT 5 - Land	 6.43	 35,100
Fire Station		165,500
Fire Department - Equipment		525,000
Highway Garage		14,300
Highway Department - Equipment		275,000
 MAP 13 LOT 20 - Land	 1.00	 32,400
Library		168,400
Furniture & Equipment		106,500
 MAP 13 LOT 29 - Land	 .40	 24,500
Town Hall Annex		97,100
Furniture & Equipment		35,000
Police Department Equipment		46,000
 MAP 13 LOT 41 - Land	 1.00	 32,400
Town Hall, Carriage Sheds		264,700
Furniture & Equipment		6,500
 MAP 1 LOT 2-4 - Greenfield Road	 5.00	 26,300
MAP 1 LOT 13 - Town Forest	61.00	63,200
MAP 2 LOT 20 - Town Forest	52.00	33,200
MAP 3 LOT 28 - Cemetery Number 3	16.00	26,000
MAP 4 LOT 5 - Town Forest	445.24	199,000
MAP 4 LOT 6 - Town Forest	134.00	97,100
MAP 5 LOT 52 - Main Street	1.00	7,400
MAP 5 LOT 67 - Town Forest	6.00	4,500
MAP 6 LOT 25-1 - Town Forest	27.91	78,900
MAP 7 LOT 2 - Town Forest	1.00	24,300
MAP 8 LOT 71 - Old County Road North	2.00	2,900
MAP 8 LOT 78-1 - Old County Road North	1.00	27,000
MAP 12 LOT 8 - W/S 2nd NH Turnpike S.	.25	18,000
MAP 12 LOT 16 - Cemetery Number 2	1.25	27,400
MAP 13 LOT 26 - Cemetery Number 1	1.00	45,600
MAP 14 LOT 19 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam	2.60	50,000
 TOTAL	 777.88	 \$2,616,400

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To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Francestown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated January 16, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories:

Budget
Cash and investments

Revenue and receivables
Expenditures for goods and services
and accounts payable
Payroll and related liabilities
Debt and debt service expenditures

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Wichon, Chikay & Co., P.C.

January 16, 1997

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 1996

EXECUTIVE

Appropriation \$29,175.00

Payroll*	\$21,030.23
Postage	538.00
Computer-Supplies/Repairs	716.47
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	1,164.21
Office Supplies	580.09
Professional Development	120.00
Publications	665.89
Advertising	245.27
Town Reports	1,401.25
Telephone	1,104.63
Travel Reimbursement	75.00
Miscellaneous	<u>40.30</u>
Total	\$27,681.34

ELECTION/REGISTRATION/TWN CLK

Appropriation \$26,060.00

Payroll*	\$22,605.17
Postage	140.10
Computer/Supplies	29.97
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	781.80
Printing	191.75
Office Supplies	326.79
Professional Development	525.00
Publications	186.00
Travel Reimbursement	396.00
Advertising	203.80
Telephone	758.14
Miscellaneous	<u>124.08</u>
Total	\$26,418.60

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$20,755.00

Payroll*	\$6,357.25
Postage	1,371.50
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	489.99
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	627.35
Printing	225.00
Office Supplies	156.43
Professional Development	582.00
Office Equipment	0.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Recording Fees	1,287.36
Bank Fee Charges	0.00
Professional Audit	<u>4,490.00</u>
Total	\$15,601.88

REVALUATION UPDATES

Appropriation \$5,950.00

Payroll*	\$365.12
Postage	244.37
Computer Supplies	35.00
Printing	476.00
Appraisal Updates	2,685.71
Tax Map Updates	<u>486.00</u>
Total	\$4,292.20

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation \$40,000.00

Legal/Defense/Claims	\$1,895.82
Legal/Tory Pines	<u>42,274.53</u>
Total	\$44,170.35

PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$47,194.00

Medical Insurance	\$18,282.00
FICA	22,626.48
Unemployment Insurance	606.30
Workmen's Compensation	792.00
Dotcom Drug/Alcohol Program	<u>540.00</u>
Total	\$42,846.78

PLANNING & ZONING

Appropriation \$10,800.00

Payroll*	\$2,619.73
Postage	375.83
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	15.95
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	1,032.63
Printing	191.40
Office Supplies	46.45
Professional Development	208.60
Publications	26.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Advertising	751.20
Recording Fees	62.96
Professional Plan	0.00
Completeness Review	0.00
Reimburse Telephone	76.63
Regional Dues	1,348.00
Miscellaneous	2,287.43
Master Plan	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$9,082.81

PLANNING REVIEW & EXPENSES

Appropriation \$5,000.00

Total	\$0.00
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE

Appropriation \$16,937.00

Payroll*	\$1,534.62
Electricity	2,398.92
Telephone	564.52
Heating Fuel	2,546.61
Water	306.10
Buildings Repairs/Service	8,393.61
Bottled Water	251.00
Buildings Alarm Service	828.00
Buildings Furnishings	0.00
Town Clock	335.00
Supplies	<u>173.66</u>
Total	\$17,332.04

CEMETERIES

Appropriation \$6,525.00

Payroll*	\$2,650.00
Supplies	29.95
Electricity	115.62
Equipment Rental	0.00
Equipment Repairs/Supplies	432.26
Cemetery Repairs #2	660.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$3,912.83

INSURANCE

Appropriation \$33,000.00

Property & Liability	Total	\$38,533.00
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REGIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES

Appropriation \$654.00

NHMA	\$55.00
Town Officers' Associations	25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$30.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$48,025.00

Payroll*	\$35,669.12
Postage	44.80
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	648.34
Office Supplies	269.18
Professional Development	130.00
Publications	315.34
Office Equipment	0.00
Advertising	78.76
School Program	0.00
Telephone	1,079.65
Weapon	0.00
Ammunition	799.02

Animal Care	75.00
Professional Prosecutor	0.00
Dispatch Service	1,745.00
Medical Supplies	0.00
Uniforms	488.40
Radio Repairs	105.35
Gasoline	1,511.16
Repairs Cruiser	717.21
Radio Equipment	46.31
Miscellaneous	877.04
Special Duty Pay	<u>2,223.00</u>
Total	\$46,822.68

AMBULANCE

Appropriation \$12,300.00

Contacted Services	\$8,998.15
Ambulance Purch/Lease	<u>3,727.08</u>
Total	\$12,260.11

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$26,000.00

Administrative Reimbursement	\$750.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Electricity	1,581.95
Telephone	742.40
Heating Fuels	1,029.99
Building Repairs/Service	1,286.50
Propane	94.75
Professional Development	646.00
Dispatch Service	2,941.62
Fire Equipment	9.50
Association Dues	435.97
Medical Supplies	861.80
Medical Equipment	357.20
Uniforms	4,549.55
Forest Fires	4,709.21
Radio Repairs	1,109.81
Fuel/Gasoline	472.00
Fuel/Diesel	129.00
Repairs Fire Apparatus	3,009.62
Farm Fire	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,070.00</u>
Total	\$25,741.87

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation \$800.00

Payroll*	\$733.50
Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$733.50

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Appropriation \$500.00

Radio Repairs	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 20.00

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Appropriation \$167,750.00

Payroll*	\$134,485.29
Road Salt	9,872.01
Sand	8,765.00
Hay/Seed	0.00
Culvert/Grates	4,595.05
Mowing	1,710.00
Blasting	0.00
Equipment Rental	292.50
Concrete	0.00
Cold Mix	0.00
Tree Cutting	1,090.00
Miscellaneous	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$161,274.85

GENERAL EXPENSE HWY

Appropriation \$66,650.00

Office Supplies	258.43
Advertising	137.16
Electricity	2,874.42
Telephone	1,036.98
Heating Fuel	1,105.04
Water	214.00
Maintenance & Repairs Bldg	683.54
Dues	20.00
Supplies	3,223.19
Medical/Physical	331.00
Drug/Alcohol Testing	1,190.00
Clothing	726.36
Gasoline	6,461.70
Diesel	7,215.79
Repairs Heavy Truck	4,344.89
Parts Truck	12,447.91
Repairs Heavy Equipment	7,049.22
Salt/Dry Gas Additives	952.16
Tires/Chains	2,952.50
Lubricants	2,319.66
Welding	2,078.42
Tools	2,863.01
Equipment Purchases	4,169.29
Seeds	0.00
Street Signs	800.45
Traffic Signs	932.30
MV/Reg/Insp	499.95
Miscellaneous	508.68
Cutting Edges	6,004.59
Dry Gas/Additives	1,715.22
Chains	1,798.91
Small Equipment	<u>460.00</u>
Total	\$77,374.77

RESEAL/PATCH

Appropriation \$55,000.00

Sand	912.00	
Shimming	<u>53,061.46</u>	
Total		\$53,973.46

GRAVEL

Appropriation \$40,000.00

Gravel	<u>38,627.00</u>	
Total		\$38,627.00

BRIDGES

Appropriation \$19,000.00

Maintenance/Repairs	<u>\$20,662.84</u>	
Total		\$20,662.84

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation \$4,200.00

Utility Charge	<u>4,017.47</u>	
Total		\$4,017.47

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Appropriation \$79,851.00

Payroll*	\$25,365.16	
Printing	220.14	
Professional Development	357.50	
Publications	42.00	
Travel Reimbursement	40.00	
Electricity	532.86	
Telephone	501.14	
Building Repairs	2,327.43	
Propane	371.11	
Supplies	1,733.40	
Compactor Rental	2,970.00	
Toilet Rental	910.00	
Equipment Rental	0.00	
Hauling/Disposal (Compactor)	25,268.80	
Disposal Tires	385.00	
Disposal-CFC	0.00	
Container Rental/Bulky (C&D)	822.50	
Haul/Disposal - Bulky	4,268.28	
Container Rental/Glass	855.00	
Haul/Glass	725.00	
Container Rental/Newsprint	675.00	
Hauling/Newsprint	550.00	
Hauling/Plastic	1,455.00	
Hauling/Aluminum	275.00	
Hshld. Hazardous Waste Collection	2,352.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,060.07</u>	
Total		\$74,062.39

LANDFILL WELL TEST

Appropriation \$4,575.00

Payment to Town of Bennington	
Total	<u>2,131.28</u> \$2,131.28

HEALTH SERVICES

Appropriation \$2,712.00

Family Services	\$1,212.00
Home Health Care	<u>1,212.00</u>
Total	\$2,424.00

WELFARE GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation \$5,000.00

Payroll*	\$1,000.00
Publications	10.00
Welfare Eligibility Payments	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$1,760.00

RECREATION

Appropriation \$24,299.00

Payroll*	\$15,665.25
Postage	73.68
Electricity	159.71
Telephone	275.33
Supplies/Beach	110.45
Rental Toilet	810.00
Repairs Raft/Backstop	1,216.89
Field Mowing	566.33
Little League/Baseball	1,365.27
Tennis/Equip/Instruct	211.06
Swimming Program	172.00
Soccer	0.00
Halloween	128.93
Piano Repairs	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>181.76</u>
Total	\$20,936.66

LIBRARY

Appropriation \$39,333.00

Payroll*	\$23,412.15
Postage	133.83
Office Supplies	645.37
Professional Development	222.31
Publications	1,358.02
Travel Reimbursement	66.75
Library Books	7,471.90
Electricity	834.20
Telephone	752.24
Heating Fuel	1,531.66
Water	142.00
Building Repairs	398.11
Equipment/Repairs	818.48
Hauling/Disposal	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>415.64</u>
Total	\$38,263.66

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appropriation \$1,000.00

Postage	\$127.78
Copier Supplies	119.17
Printing	0.00
Office Supplies	111.66
Professional Development	210.00
Advertising	0.00
Professional Service/Legal	0.00
Reimbursement Phone	4.35
Association Dues	150.00
Field Equipment	101.73
Miscellaneous	<u>277.00</u>
Total	\$1,101.69

DEBT SERVICE
Appropriation \$34,935.00

Prin-Long Term Notes	\$25,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	4,935.50
Interest on TAN	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$29,935.50

WARRANT ARTICLES 1996

ARTICLE 4 Capital Reserve
Appropriation \$156,500.00

Trustees of Trust Funds	Total	\$156,500.00
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ARTICLE 5 Police Cruiser
Appropriation \$24,950.00

Grappone Ford	\$23,855.00
Universal Signworks	190.00
Emergency Warning Systems	431.50
Mr. Gee's Tire Corp.	10.00
Perry Motors	20.44
Peter Dimmitt & Sons	320.00
Grappone Auto Junction	47.88
W. Dodge Auto Supply	<u>119.95</u>
Total	\$24,994.77

ARTICLE 6 Conservation Fund
Appropriation \$10,000.00

Total	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 7 Recreation Field
Appropriation \$1,861.00

Franeestown Sand & Gravel	Total	\$1,861.00
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ARTICLE 8 Transfer Station Roll-offs
Appropriation \$5,000.00

Waste Management of NH	Total	<u>\$3,500.00</u> \$3,500.00
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ARTICLE 9 Bixby Mill Dam
Appropriation \$55,000.00

Woodbury Construction Company	\$12,218.72
Buzz Electric Inc.	234.50
PSNH	266.70
Franeestown Sand & Gravel	4,511.50
Carbee Field Renovation	42.00
Miller Plumbing & Heating	5,387.00
GW Construction	6,420.00
Treasurer State of NH	150.00
Daniels Drilling & Blasting	<u>168.75</u>
Total	\$29,399.17

ARTICLE 10 New Highway Dept. Building
Appropriation \$5,000.00

Trustees of Trust Funds	Total	<u>\$5,000.00</u> \$5,000.00
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ARTICLE 11 Dump Truck/Pick-up Truck
Appropriation \$11,000.00

Treasurer State of NH (Pick-Up)	\$800.00
Treasurer State of NH (Dump Truck)	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,800.00

*Payroll

EXECUTIVE

Lori J. Ricci	\$14,769.16
O. Alan Thulander	1,700.00
John W. Jenkins	1,400.00
Scott S. Carbee	1,356.00
Bertrude B. McClary, Jr.	350.00
Janet Kiczek	<u>1,455.07</u>
Total	\$21,030.23

ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McClary	\$17,292.25
Bernice E. Miller	645.00
Dolores A. Jenkins	327.50
Elizabeth M. Behrsing	420.00

Shirley L. Jones	192.25
Paul H. Lawrence	307.50
Barbara J. Carbee	194.50
Sarah H. Pyle	134.75
Dolores J. Sanchioni	349.75
Phillip W. Ireland	247.00
Karen A. St.Cyr	210.00
Carol W. Ireland	235.00
Helen Johnston	235.00
Joan L. VanCleave	57.25
Mary T. Tempone	65.00
Janet Kiczek	<u>1,691.92</u>
Total	\$22,605.17

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Randy S. Wheeler	\$1,000.00
Kathi L. Kendall	500.00
Janet Kiczek	24.75
Elaine T. McClary	<u>4,832.00</u>
Total	\$6,357.25

REVALUATION UPDATES

Janet Kiczek	<u>\$365.12</u>
Total	\$365.12

PLANNING & ZONING

Demetria A. McKaig	Total	\$2,619.73
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE

John W. Jenkins	\$468.75
Edward E. Jones	326.00
Elaine T. McClary	<u>739.87</u>
Total	\$1,534.62

CEMETERIES

Edward E. Jones	\$1,451.00
Michael J. Stone	88.00
Richard W. VanNostrand	689.50
Benjamin D. Connard	224.00
Shawn P. Shaw	<u>213.50</u>
Total	\$2,650.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Peter M. Flood	\$8,400.00
Robert F. Camelio	1,111.25
Philip J. Woodbury	9,094.50
Steven H. Lape	1,674.50
Thomas J. Thibeault	5,149.37
Kevin P. Tucker	4,250.00
Donald C. Abbott	1,000.00
Richard A. Belanger	<u>4,989.50</u>
Total	\$35,669.12

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joseph C. Ludwig	\$675.00
George Shaw	<u>58.50</u>
Total	\$733.50

TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Clayton F. Foote	\$27,514.24
George W. Morgan	25,597.00
Gary W. Paige	28,441.87
Clayton O. Philbrick	27,876.18
Scott S. Carbee	2,331.00
Nathan H. Sanderson	2,929.50
Richard A. Foote Sr.	8,694.00
Hobart D. Kiblin	<u>11,101.50</u>
Total	\$134,485.29

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

James A. Mason	\$12,481.90
George C. Cilley	11,451.57
Richard D. Roberts	757.94
Kenton Pleger	<u>673.75</u>
Total	\$25,365.16

WELFARE GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Barbara J. Carbee	Total	\$1,000.00
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Pamela A. Nation	\$65.00
Peter C. Ketchum	1,535.00
Joel E. Sipe	1,587.00
Patricia L. Schell	836.00
W. Brooks Rice Jr.	159.00
James A. Pietrovito Jr.	1,560.00
Joshua B. Sipe	459.00
Sarah J. O'Donnell	360.00
Scott M. Jenkins	642.00
Kyene P. McNeil	3,160.00
Lorie A. Jenkins	3,500.00
Duncan F. Lawrence	351.00
Daniel T. Pietrovito	272.25
Cheryl A. Barker	723.00
Michael J. Stone	<u>456.00</u>
Total	\$15,665.25

LIBRARY

Joan E. Hanchett	\$13,279.50
Nancy L. Houlihan	6,300.40
Sirkka T. Holm	1,422.75
Denise E. Hunsaker	1,240.00
Frank Hanchett	1,106.50
Edward E. Jones	<u>63.00</u>
Total	\$23,412.15

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1996	\$635,994.17
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Tax Collector:	\$2,850,602.30
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Town Clerk:	\$149,336.89
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Federal Grants & Reimbursements	\$8,043.00
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State of New Hampshire:

Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$40,113.69	
Highway Block Grant	59,301.33	
Other State Grants & Reimbursement	<u>58,889.75</u>	
		\$158,304.77

Unclassified:

Building Permits	\$575.00	
Business Permit	25.00	
Septic Approvals	240.00	
Pistol Permits	70.00	
Planning Board Fees	841.49	
Cemetery Lot Sales	550.00	
Reimburse Police Expense	2,991.10	
Reimburse Highway Expenses	3,354.85	
Waste Disposal Fees	1,854.50	
Recycling Sales	2,305.74	
Exercise Programs	759.00	
Recreation Courts Lighting	52.70	
Summer Programs	5,156.00	
Sale of Town Owned Property	15,386.00	
Interest on Investments	18,639.74	
Short Term Rental-Town Hall	525.00	
Insurance Dividends & Refunds	4,582.37	
Contributions & Donations	10,450.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds	44,810.00	
Other Revenue	615.60	
Commission on Pay Phone	32.72	
Cable TV Commission	3,399.47	
Current Use Registrations	91.60	
Sales-Printed Materials/Copies	233.70	
Reimbursement of Expenses	<u>4,719.29</u>	
		<u>\$122,260.87</u>

Total	\$3,924,542.00
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LESS: Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$3,195,210.57
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Balance in Treasury December 31, 1996	\$729,331.43
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TOWN CLERK REPORT - 1996

Automobile Permits	1,787	\$141,567.00
** Dog Licenses	377 TAGS	2,346.50
Marriage Licenses	13	494.00
Copies of Vital Statistics	27	120.00
Filing Fees	12	13.00
Rebates to Town Clerk		<u>4,796.39</u>
	Totals	\$149,336.89

** A reminder that all dogs should be licensed by April 30th of each year, if dog is over 3 months old. \$25.00 forfeit if not licensed by June 1st. RSA 466:13. IMPORTANT! BE SURE TO BRING RABIES CERTIFICATE. licenses available at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to Noon, Mon. & Thurs. evening 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

LEVIES OF	1996	1995
DR.		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:		
Property Taxes		\$226,646.64
Yield Taxes		2,850.48
TAXES COMMITTED		
-THIS YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$2,725,509.00	
Land Use Change	3,393.00	
Yield Taxes	14,363.30	
OVERPAYMENT:		
Property Taxes	2,617.10	
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Property Tax	4,652.30	13,906.29
Delinquent Yield Tax	6.75	182.40
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,750,541.45	\$243,585.81
LEVIES OF	1996	1995
REMITTED TO TREAS.		
DURING FY:		
Property Taxes	\$2,503,582.71	\$226,646.64
Land Use Change	3,393.00	
Yield Taxes	12,644.34	2,850.48
Interest	4,659.05	14,088.69
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	384.14	
Overpayments	2,617.10	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		
-END OF YEAR:		
Property Taxes	221,542.15	
Yield Taxes	1,718.96	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,750,541.45	\$243,585.81

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TAX LIENS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

	1995	PRIOR LEVIES
DR.		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$55,719.08
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	\$117,773.49	
Interest & Costs Coll. after Lien Execution	2,723.51	12,314.26
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$120,497.00</u>	<u>\$68,033.34</u>
CR.		
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:		
Redemptions	\$ 28,961.38	\$36,121.14
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	2,723.51	12,314.26
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	88,812.11	19,597.94
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$120,497.00</u>	<u>\$68,033.34</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

**UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996**

**	Abbott, Donald C. & Linda L.	1,543.00
	Ames, Robert C. & Nation, Pamela A.	1,540.22
	Baronas, Paul & Patricia	983.00
	Barrego, Peter J Irrevocable Trust	2,845.85
	Barrios, Tommy E & John & Sylvia	2,318.00
	Bell, Christine R.	1,314.00
	Berry, Stephen H. & Pamela M	2,435.00
*	Berube, Mary A.	2,865.00
	Bicknell, Leighton T. & Constance	87.13
	Bower, Timothy C.	8.23
	Brown, Lillian F. & David W.	1,354.30
	Carey, Mary Frances	5,435.00
	Caskie (Et-Al), Barbara	1,128.05
	Connor, Richard A. & Eileen G.	2,744.38
	Cope, Gregory T.	3,393.00
	Corcoran, John M.	457.00
*	Cowette, Donald	199.00
	Crams Inn Corporation	15.13
*	Crowley, Kevin P. & Sara	21.00
	Currier Revocable Trs. R. Currier	766.46
	EaStar Ventures, LLC	22,302.00
	Edgerton, Bruce M. & Amy	3,180.00
	Farhm, Edwin O. & Rita	1,333.70
	Foote Jr., Clayton F.	3,718.00
	Foote, Richard A. & Marla	1,732.44
	Fritz, William G. & Donna P.	2,839.00
	Gill, Charles G.	1,309.00
	Hackett, Charles D. & Pierrette M.	1,811.00
	Halsey, Hes & Noah	1,751.00
	Hamel, Deirdre Elizabeth	29.00
	Hansen, William F. & Peggy R.	6,921.00
*	Hardwick, Carl H. & Dorothy A.	9.54
	Hardwick, Carl H. Jr. & Valorie	3,835.00
**	Harkins, John & Irma	1,788.00
*	Holding, Mark R. & Jessie	1,494.00
**	Hughes, Kenneth G. & Janice M.	3,301.46
	Joch, Alan & Freed, Anne	2,730.00
	Johnson, Fonda & Younger, Laura	266.00
	Johnson, Wayne A. & Josette A.	2,162.52
	Jones, Champlin W. & Ruby	10.96
	Joy, Franklin III & Sarah	1,866.00
	Joy, Thomas W	1,280.00
	Kampe, Eva	1,315.00
*	Keeser Robert W. Jr. (Et-Al)	918.00
	Kerris, Kathleen M.	62.00
	Kiblin, Hobart D. & Heather	2,324.00
	Kiblin, Warren	2,614.00
	Kullgren, Joan	1,797.00
	Kuty, Paul & Hazel	1,845.00
	Leavitt, Brian S. & Deborah W.	2,087.11
	Ludwig, Anthony J. & Joseph	1,135.00

MacAdam, Bruce & Holly	42.00
MacAdam, Holly H.	3,046.00
MacDonald, Ralph E.	2,574.00
MacDonald, Thomson	261.00
* Magnarelli, John T. & Leona	682.00
Maybee, Harry Thomas	933.00
McDonnell, Thomas & Elizabeth	1,289.00
* McInnis, John A. & Cynthia	5,549.00
McKaig, Kevin B. & Demetria	1,075.21
Meatley, Eugene & Becky	3,979.00
Miller, Bernice	3,489.00
Miller, Reed C. Jr. & Judith	1,768.00
Miller, Richard & Bernice	3,428.00
Miller, Richard O. & Miller, Steven	4,154.00
Monkton, Christine M.	409.96
Mullen, Robert J.	701.00
Paige, Gary & Chloe	1,495.00
Paige, John E.	1,207.00
Perkins III, Spencer W.	2,524.30
Pitchard, Cleon & Nelia M.	1,839.00
Poor Farm Trust	985.35
* Pope Revocable Trust	49.49
Quilty, Janet M.	3,229.00
Radonis, Frances, McCarthy, & Guarino	1,182.00
Reynolds Heirs, Barbara.	420.00
Roberge, Giana S.	866.00
Roberts, Richard D. & Lori J.	1,157.00
Rodier, Dennis P. & Eileen L.	4,987.00
* Rolph, Charles G. & Jill	2,023.00
Ryan, Michael J. & Heather	1,973.00
Samuelson, Peter E. & Robin A.	1,506.00
Sanderson III Trust, Nathan	3,723.00
Sanderson IV, Nathan H. & Catherine	4,841.00
Schell, David P. & Patricia L.	61.48
Schultz, Douglas C.	5,793.00
Slamin, Gary J. & Sue E.	1,982.00
Smith, Grace R.	1,061.00
Smith, Hugh O.	3,783.00
Stewart, Kris N.	10,901.00
Thompson, Walter & Babbette	7.66
Tiffany, Henry III & Mary Ellen	3,699.00
Tolman, Matthew	69.00
Topping, Heidi E.	2,245.58
Utter, Nancy E. & Craig	1,092.00
Von Rosenvinge, James T. & Maureen	5,026.00
Wharton, James B. & Vivian	468.00
Whitney, Kenneth A. & Betty	521.21
Williams, Chester P. & Sandra	11.43
Wright, Judith C.	3,350.00
Young, John H. & Rita H.	2,864.00
Totals	\$221,542.15

* Paid in Full
 ** Partial Payment

1996-Yield Tax	
French, John M. Jr.	40.05
Hamel, Deidre Elizabeth	677.99
Seamans Family Trust	1,000.92
Total	\$1,718.96

Respectfully submitted,
 Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

UNREDEEMED TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996

1994 - Property Taxes	
Baronas, Paul & Patricia	1,131.62
Guarino (Et-Al), Jacqueline	1,203.02
Kiblin, Warren	553.49
Meatthey, Eugene & Becky	3,541.85
Neal, Gary L.	106.50
Pitchard, Cleon	813.70
Sanderson IV, Nathan H. & Catherine	4,100.70
Schultz, Douglas C.	2,563.38
Smith, Hugh O.	2,400.00
** Tiffany, Henry III	3,183.68
Total	\$19,597.94

1995 - Property Taxes	
Baronas, Paul & Patricia	1,243.62
Barrios, Tommy E. & John & Sylvia	2,432.35
Berry, Stephen H. & Pamela	890.90
EaStar Ventures, LLC	22,529.63
Foote, Jr. Clayton F.	2,480.67
Hardwick, Carl H. Jr.	3,316.22
Joy, Franklin III	2,094.55
Joy, Thomas W.	1,586.75
Kampe, Eva	1,383.90
Kiblin, Warren	2,876.38
Meatthey, Eugene & Becky	3,899.02
Miller, Richard	2,726.92
Miller, Richard O.	5,054.96
Pitchard, Cleon	2,947.28
Quilty, Janet M.	2,199.70
Raudonis, Frances L.	1,354.54
Sanderson IV, Nathan H. & Catherine	4,763.12
Schultz, Douglas C.	5,473.70
Slamin, Gary J.	1,964.09
Smith, Grace R.	2,323.89
Smith, Hugh O.	3,745.34
Tiffany, Henry III & Mary Ellen	3,504.86
Von Rosenvinge, James	4,794.18
Young, John M.	3,225.54
Totals	\$88,812.11

* Paid in Full

** Partial Payment

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

1996 Fire Department Report

Officers:

Chief	Donald C. Abbott
1st Deputy	Brian Delahanty
2nd Deputy	Rich Pierson
Captains	Frank Jones
	Gary Paige
	Randy Wheeler
	David Ballou
	Larry Kullgren
	David Kullgren
Forest Fire Warden	Dick Leavitt
Standing Committee	Dick Leavitt
	Rich Pierson
	Chuck Kendall
Clerk	Mark Pitman
Treasurer	Paul St. Cyr
Historian	Al Thulander
Training Officers	David Kullgren
	Frank Jones

Breakdown of 1996 calls:

Sunday Radio Check	37
Meetings	12
Drills	22
Work Details	4
Fire (Appliance)	0
Fire (Chimney)	6
Fire (Forest/Brush)	4
Fire (Structure)	0
Fire (Vehicle)	1
Rescue (Medical)	42
Rescue (Accident)	15
Rescue (Water)	6
PSNH (wires down)	4
Alarm activation	1
Mutual Aid	10
Mutual Aid Drill	4
Other	14

The Francestown Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 104 calls during 1996. This is in addition to Sunday morning radio checks, monthly meetings, and training drills.

The new tanker arrived this past April and has been used for a number of calls. Within the next year we will need to repair the tank on our other tanker – it needs major repair work as it is currently leaking. We're hoping we can repair versus replacing the tank.

If you are interested in joining the fire department or rescue squad, please give me a call.

Remember:

To report a fire or request medical assistance dial 911.

To burn brush you **must** have a written permit when there is no snow cover. When there is snow cover, we would like you to let us know you will be burning. You can get a permit from Forest Fire Warden Dick Leavitt or myself.

On behalf of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department thank you very much for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald C. Abbott, Fire Chief

LADIES AUXILIARY FRANCESTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

1996 TOWN REPORT

Officers:

**President – Linda Abbott
Vice President – Karen St. Cyr
Secretary – Dariel Peterson
Treasurer – Theo Wheeler**

This year our activities once again included –

selling refreshments at Town Meeting,

preparing and serving a corned beef dinner for many hungry Forest Fire Wardens at their March meeting held at the Francestown fire station,

sponsoring the Senior Girl Scout Troop,

sponsoring the Fire Prevention Poster/Essay Contest (held in conjunction with the Fire Department's visit to the "Red" School and Pre-school during Fire Prevention Week). This year instead of picking a winner from each grade we changed the process and awarded a book to each grade.

We delivered cold drinks and sandwiches to the firemen at a couple of forest fires this year.

Respectfully Submitted

**Linda L. Abbott
President**



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION of FORESTS and LANDS
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ROBB R. THOMSON
Commissioner

603-271-2214
FAX: 603-271-2629

JOHN E. SARGENT
Director

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST
RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Bryan C. Nowell
Forest Ranger



Richard F. Leavitt
Forest Fire Warden

Forest Protection (603) 271-2217
Forest Management (603) 271-3456

Land Management (603) 271-3456
Information & Planning (603) 271-3457

TDD ACCESS: RELAY NH 1-800-735-2964



DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS 603-271-2214

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Francetown, New Hampshire 03043

ANNUAL REPORT 1996

Library Hours:

Tuesday	1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10 - 12 1 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	1 - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 - 12 1 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 - 1 p.m.

Pre school Storytime 10:30 a.m. September to June (Wednesdays)

CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS:	Total	14,262
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Fiction & Non Fiction	11,867	
Magazines	1,998	
Audio Tapes & Videos		397

New Library Patrons	112
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Books Added to Library Holdings	Total Owned	13,624
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Adult 320 21 Gifts	Children 318 (62 Academy Gift)
Discarded Adult Fiction 285	Non Fiction 144
Childrens 65	

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS FOR 1996

JANUARY

Counted Cross Stitch Exhibit	Valerie Pence
Talk on "Teaching English by Radio in China"	Dr. Philip Edwards
The Library Craft & Arts Group made Vests	Beth Wallace

FEBRUARY

Workshop on Crazy Quilts	Daniel Peterson
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MARCH

Exhibit "Whispers of Spring"	Beth Wallace
Fourth Grade Historical Room Talk	Nancy Houlihan
Workshop on Crazy Quilts	Daniel Peterson

APRIL

Reception for Jane Lawrence	Townspeople
Child Check Program	Red School

MAY

Grange Display	Oakhill Grange
Book Sale and Plant Exchange	Library

JUNE

Talk on "Tigers of Sunderbans, India"

Author Sy Montgomery

Educational Issues

Rep. O. Alan Thulander, Denise Glover, Susan Clay

Fourth Grade Historical Rooms

Nancy Houlihan

JULY - AUGUST

Art Exhibit

Pat Swan

Nubanusit Library Co-Op Meeting Hosted in Franchestown

Reading: The Best Game Around

Children's Librarian, Nancy Houlihan

118 signed up

93 completed

1539 Books Read

Gift Certificates Awards Party at the Recreation Field

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Art Exhibit by the Residents of Franchestown

OCTOBER

Art Exhibit Fire Prevention Week

Red School Students

Art Exhibit

Marcy Pope

Spoooky Stories of Old Salem

Jennifer Antkowiak

Seventh & Eight Grade Student visit the Library and Historical Rooms

Nancy Houlihan

NOVEMBER

Art Exhibit

Natacha Sochat

Women's Guild Display

Child Check Program

Red School

The Old Meeting House and the Franchestown Academy held several meetings throughout the year at the Library

Our Summer Program Reading: The Best Game Around was a huge success with ninety-three students completing the program. Our Children's Librarian Nancy Houlihan organized this event providing a very attractive bulletin board where each student placed a soccer or baseball for each book read. Parents helped children set personal goals and those achieving their goals received Gift Certificates to the Toadstool. Part of this program was funded by the Franchestown Academy.

Betsy Wiederhold and Denise Buzzell continue to keep our garden in full bloom and we are all very grateful for their generosity and talents. Chris Bell, the Art Director at the Red School keeps us supplied with colorful art work throughout the year. Students, parents and Grandparents visit the library to view these displays.

Thank you to the Trustees, Nancy, Sirkka and Frank for their co-operation throughout the year. To all our library patrons, adult and student lets make 1997 a record Reading Year.

Respectfully Submitted

JOAN E. HANCHETT
Librarian

**THE GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TRUSTEES REPORT - 1996**

The Library has had another productive and exciting year thanks to the efforts of Librarian Joan Hanchett, Children's Librarian Nancy Houlihan, assistants Frank Hanchett and Sirkka Holm plus the numerous volunteers and especially our patrons.

The trustees were prompted, when a portion of the ceiling collapsed, to undergo some interior renovations which, unfortunately for our patrons, required closing the library for a short period over Christmas. The ceiling was repaired, trim painted and the floors stripped and given a natural finish. With the increased foot traffic at the library experiences as the town grows the new floors should require less maintenance than the old painted floors. The work was done by Steve Blanchette of Dublin and the labor involved in moving all the books and furniture was supplied by the library staff and trustees with the help of Josh and Joel Sipe and Duncan Lawrence for the heavy items.

We wish to thank the trustees of the Franchestown Academy Fund for their continued support of the children's section of the library.

Many people chose to remember their friends and neighbors with donations to the Memorial Fund again this year. This is a very important supplement to our book budget and we thank all who have contributed.

We also wish to express our thanks to past trustee, Pam Nation, for her tireless efforts on behalf of the library and its programs for the past four years.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the many contributions, the support and the encouragement given to the library by so many in this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee P. Dalley
Connie Varnum
Diane Sweet

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT - 1996

The Conservation Commission continues to work on issues concerning the natural resources of our Town. Much time is spent visiting and inspecting our town forests for which we have management responsibilities and planning future activities.

The State of New Hampshire DES has established new rules relating to wetland dredge and fill applications. Our local responsibilities have been increased due to lack of adequate staff on the state level. Many evenings and weekends were spent on site reviews.

Our annual Earth Day activities included a roadside clean-up with the help of the Girl Scouts and many supportive residents. Many hundreds of bottles and cans as well as a mountain of miscellaneous trash were removed from our roadsides (look for the "Blue Bags" this April) .

We were in the school again this spring with tree seedlings for the students along with a discussion of the proper care and feeding of seedlings.

The commission lends its voice to the Planning Board and the ZBA on any issue concerning conservation particularly the conservation overlay section of our zoning ordinance.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeff Gorton
Connie Varnum
Taisto Holm
Leila Wilder
Hannah Proctor
Dodie Finlayson
Peter Kostecki
Bob Lindgren
Matt Roy

1996 SCHEDULE OF CONSERVATION LANDS

TOWN FORESTS: (718.51 acres)

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1) | Crotched Mountain Town Forest
(King, Merrill, and Schultz purchases
and Merrill donation - south side of
Crotched Mountain) | 630.0 acres |
| 2) | Driscoll Hill Town Forest
(Bowman Tract - off Driscoll Hill Road) | 53.6 acres |
| 3) | Lord Town Forest
(Person Road) | 27.91 acres |
| 4) | Piscataquog River Town Forest
(behind/beside transfer station) | 6.0 acres |
| 5) | Fire Tower Town Forest
(former State Fire Tower Site -
Crotched Mountain summit) | 1.0 acre |

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HELD BY TOWN: (238.39 acres)

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 6) | Pleasant Pond/Piscataquog River
(off Pleasant Pond Road,
donated by Ellen M. Hill) | 144.9 acres |
| 7) | Piscataquog River
(Poor Farm and Todd Roads)
donated by Harry & Connie Varnum) | 45.6 acres |
| 8) | Piscataquog River
(South New Boston Road
donated by Karen Dunscombe) | 22.63 acres |
| 9) | Whiting Brook
(off Route 136,
donated by Anthony Davis) | 25.26 acres |

ROAD AGENTS REPORT - 1996

96 was a record setting year for snow fall, my records show about 150" total, both the men and the equipment took quite a beating, but all survived quite well. Once again even though we asked and received \$7000.00 to cover the excess overtime with that amount, the overall budget came in with a very slight overdraft.

We totally replaced two bridges, one on Russell Station Road and one on Pleasant Pond Road. Both were completed by September 1st. This year we are scheduled to do one on Scoby Road.

The CIP project scheduled for Todd Road was not voted to be done for whatever reasons that I never will understand, but the moneys were put into reserves for other future road reconstruction.

This years Capital Improvement Program is recommended by the highway advisory board to go on Mountain Road hope this one meets everybodys approval.

New approaches used this year to help preserve dirt road gravel was the use of calcium chloride and a fabric placement under swampy sections of roads. Some FEMA flood repair money was received. I am applying for more.

Equipment replacement purchases, a 1986 Chev 4WD pick up \$800.00, 1975 5 Ton \$1000.00, 1987 Int. Diesel 6 wheeler \$3000.00. Sale of replaced vehicles brought in \$4000.00

Roads Graveled in 1996

Dennison Pond Road - 650yds
Chandler Road - 100yds
Ferson Road - 500yds
County Road South - 250yds
Poor Farm Road - 1600yds
Birdsall Road - 750yds
County Road North - 400yds
Todd Road -360yds
Second New Hampshire Turnpike North - 600yds

Roads to Gravel in 1997

Champagnes Road
Juniper Hill Road
Muzzey Road
Journeys End Road
Back Mountain Road
Russell Station Road
Todd Road
Dodge Hill Road

Thanks again for everybodys continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Foote, Jr., Road Agent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 1996

The Town experienced some damage to roads and bridges caused by the torrential rains this past fall. Applications to the Federal Emergency Management forwarded by the town were granted in the amount of \$10,200.00. A training session was held this year for emergency response personnel on radioactive materials and detection equipment. Should anyone have questions relating to natural disasters, emergency services, etc., please contact me.

Respectfully submitted
O. Alan Thulander
Director, Emergency Management

CEMETERY COMMISSION 1996

Restoration work began in the Turnpike cemetery this year after Mill Village repairs were completed.

The commission plans to plant the disease resistant elms in appropriate locations in all cemeteries.

Gordon Sherman
Stuart Clark, Jr.
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1996

Through formal action by Town Meeting on a historic district ordinance remains in abeyance, the members of the commission stand ready to advise any property owner in Town as to resource materials available for restoration/preservation of our architectural and historical heritage. Please contact any member of the commission for information.

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Abigail Arnold
Frank Hanchett
Veda O'Neill
Barbara A. Radtke
Nicholas F. Wilder

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 1996

Police Department calls for service were up again this year. The Department answered 741 calls as follows:

Accidents	50
Alarm Calls	32
Mis. Arrests	37
Burglary Calls	6
Domestic Calls	69
Fire & Med Calls	30
Juvenile Problems	40
Criminal Mischief/Threats	15
Disturbance Calls	7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle Calls	56
Thefts/Bad Checks	19
Untimely Deaths	2
Unfounded 911 Calls	25
Assist Other Departments	29
Assist Motorist/Citizens	24
Assault, Non Domestic	1
Civil Stand-By	18
Annoying Calls	7
Miscellaneous Calls	276

(Animal Calls/Missing Person? Motor Vehicle Complaints? Wires Down/Highway Problems/Check Welfare/Lost or Stolen Plates & Property)

Even with the increase in calls for service we were under budget again this year. You will note that I have asked for more money in the budget for 1997 than in 1996 and this is due to the increase in cost of Dispatch. The dispatch service is supplied by Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and the cost is based on the number of calls received at the Dispatch Center for the Police Department.

The School Programs this year included a Police Program for Halloween with the emphasis on safety and visibility while trick-a-treating. Reflective bags were given to the children filled with donations from Wendy's and some base ball cards donated by David Burrows.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Flood, Chief

1996 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

Breakdown of calls for 1996

Stray cats – 3

Stray dogs – 5

Missing cats – 6

Missing dogs – 10

Dog bites – 3

Miscellaneous (calls concerning animal's welfare, wild animal sightings) – 10

Nuisance calls (concerning barking, chasing, roaming dogs) – 7

We held another successful Rabies Clinic in April. (Remember cats also need to be vaccinated against rabies – it's the law!) Look for notices for another Rabies Clinic to be held sometime during April of '97.

A safety issue – there is a new state law that went into effect imposing regulations on the transport of dogs in the open beds of pickup trucks. The law seeks to prevent injuries and fatalities to dogs riding in pickup truck beds.

State law requires all dogs be licensed by May 1st each year. Remember – it costs you an additional \$ 1.00 a month after June 1 to license your dog. Proof of rabies vaccination (a rabies certificate) is required to license your dog – make sure you have the certificate with you when you go to the Town Annex to license your dog.

Respectfully submitted,

**Donald C. Abbott
Animal Control Officer**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 1996

The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance give the Board of Adjustment the power to grant "Special Exceptions" under and "Variances" from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board is also given the jurisdiction to hear appeals from "Administrative Decisions" involving the interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance, forms for applications and information on filing fees and other charges are available at the Town Offices.

The 1996 Board consisted of Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman, Herbert A. Fincher, Vice-Chairman, Richard S. Mikula, Clerk, Richard Kiczek and Charles Onasch. Alternates were Dean L. Mottard, Ann Soper and Charles M. Pyle III. Demetria A. McKaig served as recording secretary.

During 1996 the Board dealt with one rehearing on an application for a variance which resulted in denial of the application. The Board also dealt with one new application for a variance and one application for a special exception, Both of these were granted. The Board also discussed informally with one resident her proposed use of her home for "hairdressing".

Regular meetings of the Board of Adjustment are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy A. Swenson, Jr.
Chairman

FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD - 1996

The new Population and Housing, Community Facilities, Land Use, Transportation and Water Resource sections of the Francestown Master Plan were adopted in January and October of this past year. Copies are available for public inspection at the library and the offices of the Town Clerk, the Selectmen and the Planning Board. Due to volunteer effort, cost of the project, including printing, was approximately \$6,000 less than was appropriated.

The Board also approved a two lot subdivision, involving 2 annexations, for Derr on Clarkville Road, a three lot subdivision for Tolman on Todd Road and several consolidations: 2 for Thulander and 1 for Rolph. The net result of this activity was no change in the number of lots in town.

In addition, the Board undertook the implementation of several of the recommendations of the new Master Plan. First, in cooperation with the Highway Department, five traffic counters have been purchased so that we can begin to establish accurate traffic measurements, as well as to identify traffic patterns, on town roads. Second, the Board developed the following proposals to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment #1 (Warrant Article #2): This proposal would amend the Flood Hazard Building Code to conform with the administrative language required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Compliance with FEMA ordinance requirements is necessary if property owners in flood hazard areas are to be eligible for homeowners' insurance. The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Amendment #2 (Warrant Article #3): This proposal would amend the Flood Plain Overlay District - the companion article to the Flood Hazard Building Code - to conform with the administrative language required by FEMA. In addition, it would make the provisions of the overlay district less restrictive by allowing building and development - such as residential housing - which had previously been prohibited. The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Amendment #3 (Warrant Article #4): In the interest of protecting groundwater, this proposal would extend the limits of the Aquifer Protection District to include ten new aquifer areas that were recently discovered by the United States Geological Service. The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.

Amendment #4 (Warrant Article #5): This amendment deals with accessory apartments, two-family and multi-family housing. If approved, the benefits to the town of these changes would include:

- elimination of inconsistencies and ambiguities in the ordinance which have the potential to expose the town to costly litigation and to the development of clustered multi-family housing which voters have prohibited in other sections of the ordinance
- provision for a new category of housing - the accessory apartment - to assist homeowners in accommodating the needs of extended family members -such as parents, grandparents, adult children - or of other unrelated parties. Based on the Master Plan housing survey and on the number of inquiries the Planning Board receives about in-law apartments, it appears there is an increasing need both for accessory apartments and, where practicable, for a simpler, easier approval process.

- establishment of a more equitable and reasonable acreage requirement for multi-family dwellings, while mitigating potential impact on abutters by increasing the side and rear setback requirements to 75 feet, decreasing the number of allowable units from 6 to 4 and in the case of conversions, establishing acreage and setback requirements where none had previously existed
- establishment of more consistent and defensible overall density criteria; e.g. at present, 18 acres are required for a multi-family building with 6 dwelling units while only 11 acres are needed for a 6 unit hotel
- a reduction in “red tape” when creating apartments or two-family conversions if specified performance standards, such as septic and parking, are met

The exact text of the proposed amendments is posted on the bulletin boards at the post office and at the town annex. Copies are also available at the library and at the offices of the Selectmen and Town Clerk. Additional information on these proposals is also contained in the recent Planning Board newsletter. If you have any questions about the proposed amendments, please give one of our members, listed in the front of the town report, a call.

All four warrant articles will be voted on by ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Chairman

FRANCESTOWN'S SIX YEAR (1997-2002) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was updated in January of 1997, serves three basic functions:

1. First and foremost, the CIP is a valuable planning tool which should help the Town to anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures.
2. The CIP will provide part of the basis for developing an impact fee system which will require a developer, under certain circumstances, to offset some of the increased cost to the Town necessitated by his project.
3. The CIP will be essential for the development of any growth management ordinances, if, in the future, the Town should determine growth management to be necessary.

The Planning Board is recommending a spending plan, net of reserves and other offset revenues, which remains flat in 1997 at \$240,000. The Selectmen and Budget Committee's program which provides for net spending of \$198,00 differs from the CIP primarily in the allocation of the fund surplus. Both programs appear to have the same bottom line, i.e. total (budget and CIP) net town spending will remain roughly the same as prior year.

We draw particular attention to the proposed purchase of the Red School as it is perhaps the most critical issue this year simply because it is a one shot opportunity. There will be no second chances to reconsider. We strongly recommend the purchase of the Red School property for reasons which include:

- Roughly 60% of respondents to the 1994 Master Plan survey indicated the Town should make the purchase. (An additional 20% of respondents were undecided.)
- The property is essential to maintaining both the integrity of Main Street and also the civic core of the community.
- This is the only lot on the Main Street which has the potential for discrete, off-street municipal parking which is needed in the general area.
- Existing town office space is inadequate for present, as well as foreseeable needs, and, in some cases, lacks the handicap access required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- There is sufficient land and/or building to support a number of additional public and/or quasi-public purposes, e.g. a pre-school, day care or the antique vehicular museum now unfortunately slated for placement immediately adjacent to the Old Meeting House.
- Since the property is adjacent to FIHS owned land, acquisition of the school would enhance the use of both parcels.

Specifics of the 1997 CIP as recommended by the Planning Board are listed in Column 2 of Exhibit 1 on the next page. Also included in Exhibit 1 are the warrants as actually proposed by the departments. Footnotes indicate whether the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval of a particular warrant article.

The CIP is prepared - and this summary is provided - to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete plan or have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Board

The Board of Selectmen

The Budget Committee

EXHIBIT 1
COMPARISON OF 1997 CIP WITH THE 1997 WARRANT ARTICLES

(1) Expense Item	(2) CIP	(3) Warrant Proposal	(4) Note	(5) Est. Tax Impact
Capital Reserve Items				
Highway Equipment	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	2	\$.17
Fire Equipment	15,000	20,000	2	.22
Fire Radios	500	500	2	.01
Conservation Fund	10,000	10,000	4	.11
Recreation Fund	10,000	5,000	2	.06
Road Improvements	10,000	10,000	2	.11
Police Vehicles	8,000	6,000	2	.07
Hwy. Garage	5,000	5,000	2	.06
Town Bldg. Improv.	-	10,000	1	.11
Reappraisal	5,000	5,000	2	.06
Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants				
Bixby Dam Impr.	75,000	76,610	2	-
Red School Purchase	130,000	130,000	2	-
Hwy. Vehicles	5,000	2,500	2	-
Mountain Road	60,000	60,000	2	.67
Dodge Hill Rd.	10,000	10,000	2	.11
Town Hall Repairs	9,200	9,160	2	.10
Fire Dept. Pensions		3,900	2	.04
LIFT - literacy program		100	5	-
225th Celebration		1	2	-
Total 1997 CIP	\$367,700			
Total 1997 Warrants		\$378,771		\$ 1.90
Total 1996 Warrants				\$ 2.57

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, a #2 notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and of the Budget Committee. A #3 notation indicates that approval is recommended by the Selectmen only. A #4 notation indicates that approval is recommended by the Budget Committee only. #5 indicates the Selectmen and Budget Committee express no opinion.

**FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Road Improvement Program Sub-Committee was established in May of 1989 by the Planning Board to help develop a long term road improvement program for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

PURPOSE:

1. To recommend an appropriate sum of money to be spent each year to improve the roads of Francetown.
2. To recommend a 6 year plan of roads to be improved, listing roads and work to be done on each.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To continue the policy that the full cost of all road improvement projects be raised by warrant article stating location and scope of each project.
2. To continue funding the capital reserve established for future road improvements by appropriating \$10,000 in 1997, plus an additional sum equal to the amount of the proposed capital improvement warrant in the event the warrant article is not supported by voters.

RECOMMENDED PLAN (Subject to annual review and update):

The 1997 - 2002 Capital Improvements Program for roads is based heavily upon the results of the 1994 Master Plan Questionnaire. However, proposed projects have been rescheduled. Work of Poor Farm Road has been postponed until arrangements can be made to relocate many of the existing utility poles and the 3 year program to reconstruct Mountain Road has been advanced to 1997. Mountain Road which also services East Road is the most densely populated area on a town maintained road and residential traffic, augmented by school buses and tourists, is relatively heavy. Sections of collapsed grade, aging pavement, inadequate drainage and unguarded drop-offs are among the problems to be corrected.

At this time, the town receives approximately \$60,000 per year from the state in the form of a highway block grant. These funds, in effect, substantially offset the tax impact of the road improvement program.

Year

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| 1997 | Reconstruction of Mountain Road starting at Route 47 and progressing 1,800 to 2,000'. Phase 1 consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) tree cutting: Since this is not a scenic road, there will be no public hearing to review the limited tree cutting proposed.b) stone walls: There are no plans to disturb stone walls, but any work effecting walls may be done without a scenic road hearing. |
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- c) drainage improvements: Install 6" of underdrain in various locations as required; replace culverts and install new culverts and catch basins as necessary in conjunction with necessary ditching.
- d) existing surface: Pavement to be reground and graded to reshape the roadbed.
- e) gravel: 6 inches of crushed gravel mixed with reground pavement and a calcium solution for improved stability (1 gallon of solution per sq. yd.).
- f) pavement: 3 inches of pug-mill/cold-mix with a sealing coat application the length of the project.
- g) finish work: Clean up, mulch and seed all disturbed areas.
- h) intersections: Work with Mountain Maintenance to improve intersection with East Road, if practical.
- g) guard rail: Install short sections of guard rail as needed.

\$60,000

1997 Surface treat Dodge Hill Road from the South New Boston Road to the
(cont.) bottom of the paved hill near the McKone residence.

\$10,000

1998 Reconstruct and repave approximately 1800 feet of Mountain Road.

\$70,000

1999 Finish reconstruction of Mountain Road to intersection with East Road.

\$50,000

Begin reconstruction of other paved roads (2nd NH Turnpike South, Poor Farm Road or Pleasant Pond Road.)

\$20,000

2000 Begin reconstruction of other paved roads (2nd NH Turnpike South, Poor Farm Road or Pleasant Pond Road.)

\$70,000

2001 Continue reconstruction of other paved roads

\$70,000

2002 Continue reconstruction of other paved roads

\$70,000

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Scott Carbee

Clayton Foote
Clifton Foote

Jeff Gorton
David Jonas

Scott Sanderson
Harry Varnum

**REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL / RED SCHOOL**

We (The Town of Francestown) should acquire the Red School, from the Conval School District, provided, they offer it to the town at a fair and reasonable price. We justify our conclusion for the following reasons.

- 1) The recognition, of the value of this property, to the town, due to the buildings size and layout.
- 2) The recognition, of the value of this property, to the town, due to its unique location and lot size.
- 3) The ability of the town to control the uses of the property should we decide to make it available to private interests.
- 4) The potential to provide additional off-street parking for the center of Francestown.
- 5) A need, by town officials and boards, for enhanced and easily accessible office, meeting and storage space.
- 6) Acknowledgment that construction of a similar structure would cost substantially more than the current appraised value of The Red School and that the need to expand town facilities is inevitable.

Should the Red School be acquired by the town, its use should be determined by community referendum. We should not only consider the business requirements of Francestown, but also the need for space expressed by volunteer town organizations and community service providers. This suggestion would carry over to other town owned space which may become available as we consider all the options.

The committee recognizes that the acquisition of the Red School will place a modest additional burden on an admittedly swollen property tax. We feel, however that the purchase represents a good investment for Francestown. It has become increasingly difficult to find residents to volunteer their time and expertise for community endeavors. If we do not provide adequate space for those who make a contribution, we will only shrink the number of people willing to participate. The alternatives are diminished services or paid professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jonas, Chairman
Scott Carbee
Joseph Ludwig
Mary Jane Marsden
Demetria McKaig
John Soper

BIXBY MILL POND DAM REPORT

The Town accepted the donation of the 2.6 acre site from the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society in 1970 as a fire protection water source and a recreational area for kids' fishing, etc.. The Dam was repaired in 1974 (\$8264) and 1986 (\$3500) as voted by Town meeting. Continued deterioration and leaking as well as needed dredging caused the Town meeting to establish a committee to investigate the existing problems and report back. This process was completed in 1994 and \$51,000 was voted to repair the structure. Additional problems and questions caused reconsideration and a new vote by the Town appropriated \$55,000 to the project at the March 1996 Town meeting.

The Selectmen formed a committee of local contractors including George Whipple, Kris Stewart, David Rowan, Philip Woodbury, and Rick and Steve Miller to advise them. Lou Wiederhold, an abutter and early contributor to the plan, and Phill Ireland, a civil engineer were also members. After numerous meetings, and reviews of bids received, it was decided to have the Town act as general contractor and utilize our local expertise to contain the cost of the project.

We asked the Dept. of Environmental Affairs - Dam Division to assist in reviewing our planned approach. The dredging was quickly completed, but then "Murphy's Law" came into play as work to repair the face of the dam began. A major failure of the existing face occurred. The Alton Dam tragedy significantly impacted the project as well. What had been considered an easy fix, suddenly became a major project with more intense scrutiny by the State and greatly expanded structural requirements.

We were very fortunate to have local resident, Ed Gagnon, a professional dam engineer, offer his services free of charge to the Town. The article in the warrant approximates the cost to complete the new dam, but it should be noted that additional work, landscaping, etc. may add to the final figure. The committee is pursuing other sources of funding at this time.

This pond is the major water source for the residential core of our Town. The Committee, the Fire Wards, the Selectmen, and the Budget committee urge your consideration and support of this article.

SYNOPSIS - TORY PINES TAX ABATEMENT LITIGATION

- 11/15/91 U.S. Realty Consultants, Inc./Hospitality Consulting, Inc. appraises value of Tory Pines at \$710,000, including all personal property.
- 2/7/92 Trademark Development Corp. purchased the golf resort from the FDIC for \$925,000, which included a substantial amount of personal property and approximately \$200,000 in outstanding taxes.
- 4/1/92 Total valuation was \$8,698,413
- 7/27/92 Trademark filed for abatement of taxes
- 8/17/92 Selectmen responded and rejected the request
- 12/9/92 Coopers and Lybrand filed an expanded request for abatement accompanied by a "capitalized income" based valuation of \$2,494,235 effectively lowering the assessment by \$6,204,178.
- 1/9/93 Selectmen requested Avitar, our professional appraisal firm, to review their work of 1989-90 with a view to current value (1992).
- 3/17/93 Avitar recommended various approaches. Selectmen considered the data and granted some tax relief to Tory Pines, lowering the value to \$7,181,073 for 1993.
- 6/21/93 Trademark filed suit with Hillsborough County Superior Court. Selectmen decided to vigorously defend the Town's position.
- 6/30/93 After consultation with town counsel and Avitar who noted that the deteriorating regional economy, decreasing business, and rapidly falling real estate values dictated a further abatement of \$2,000,000. Town counsel felt that the "capitalized income" approach might in all likelihood prevail over the cost approach to value, since this is a commercial property and the approach has been accepted by NH Supreme Court - Bethiaume vs. Nashua, (1978). Extensive preparation for the Town's defense was initiated. Selectmen Jenkins and Thulander decided to attempt to negotiate a settlement with the plaintiff.
- 12/13/93 Trademark's appraiser estimates value of \$3,000,000 for Tory Pines property.

- 7/5/94 A meeting was held with Arthur T. Demoulas, Jr. to explore the issues. After prolonged discussion, it was apparent that a court suit was a normal course of action for the plaintiff. He sought a \$2-2.5 million dollar total assessment. Our defense preparations continued, amid court scheduling delays and postponements requested by the plaintiff.
- 8/16/95 Trademark's appraiser amends value of Tory Pines to \$2.2 million.
- 2/2/96 Plaintiff's attorney offered to settle at a valuation of \$2.2 million and a refund of \$462.9K. Negotiation raised the assessed value to \$3.15 million gradually increasing to \$3.375 million in 1995 with commensurate refunds of prior taxes paid.
- The Selectmen rejected this offer. Negotiations and preparations continued for a pending court date of late November.
- 3/25/96 Trademark receives permission from Court to change its appraisal.
- 5/1/96 Trademark releases revised appraisal value of \$1,000,000.
- 11/5/96 An agreement was reached with the following terms:
- 1.) The suit is withdrawn and the right of appeal is surrendered for tax years 1992-96.
 - 2.) The mutually agreed aggregate assessment will be \$4.0 million for years 1997-2001; adjusted for capital additions, removal of existing improvements, or sustained upward changes in the regional economy.
 - 3.) Plaintiff waives the right to subdivide and develop two residential lots on the golf course.
 - 4.) The Town will credit \$55K in each of the years 1997-2001.
- Had Tory Pines' position been upheld at \$1.0M, the Town's worst case exposure totaled \$807.1K in refunds including interest.
- 12/19/96 The agreement was ratified by both parties and made an order of the court by J. Groff, Presiding Justice.

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NH
MARCH 12, 1996

Meeting opened by Moderator at 8:00 o'clock AM and polls were declared opened.

Moderator read Warrant Article 1, 2, 3, and 4 and announced that the second session would be at the Town Hall, March 16, 1996 at 10 o'clock AM.

Elaine McClary moved that the polls be closed at 7 o'clock PM and that the absentee ballots be cast at 3 o'clock PM. Seconded and carried.

Total votes Town Officers Ballot	
Regular Ballots	Absentee Ballots
463	33
Total number of names on Checklist	
930	

Article 1.

OFFICE	VOTES
Selectman for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Scott S. Carbee	262
Bert E. McClary, Jr.	174
Gary J. Slamin	45
Write-ins - Donald Abbott 2, Alvin VanCleave 1, Donald Hardwick 1, Paul St.Cyr 1.	
Moderator for Two Years (Vote for One)	
Paul H. Lawrence	438
Write-ins - Phil Ireland 3, David Jonas 1, Gary Paige 1.	
Town Clerk for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Elaine T. McClary	464
Write-ins - Judy Miller 1, Lisa Podadowski 1, Joan VanCleave 1.	
Tax Collector for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Elaine T. McClary	463
Write-ins - Judy Miller 1, Joan VanCleave 1.	
Town Treasurer for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Randall S. Wheeler	442
Write-ins - David Connard 1, Gary Paige 1, Eileen Whitfield 1, Guy Swenson 1.	
Planning Board for Three Years (Vote for Two)	
Mary Frances Carey	412
Kenneth Campbell - Write-in	122
Write ins - Stuart Clark 1, Richard Pierson 2, Elaine McClary 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Abigail Arnold 1, Cathy Eby 1, Laurence Dalley 1, Barbara J. Carbee 2, Luis Gallop 1, Scott Carbee 3, Sara Cox 1, James Mason 1, Louis Wiederhold 1, Scott Sanderson 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Wayne McLeod 1, Carl Hardwick, Sr. 1, Phil Ireland 1.	

Planning Board for One Year (Vote for One)	
Sandra Ellis	389
Write-ins - George Cilley 2, Scott Carbee 1, Kris Stewart 1, Gary Paige 1, Elizabeth Tolman 1, Clayton Foote 1, Walter Kiblin 2, Ken Campbell 3, Dean Lizotte 1, Frank Jones, Jr. 1.	
Library Trustee for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Diane R. Sweet	450
Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Herbert A. Fincher	430
Write-in - Gary Paige 1.	
Public Assistance Administrator for One Year (Vote for One)	
Barbara J. Carbee	413
Write-ins - Lori Jenkins 1, Paul Lawrence 1, Kris Stewart 2, Katherine Deickler 1, Cher Barker 1, Stewart Clark 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Mary Lindstrom 1, Hobart Kiblin 1.	
Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years (Vote for One)	
Carol Ireland	364
Benjamin A. Watson	79
Supervisor of the Checklist for Two Years (Vote for One)	
Helen D. Johnston	419
Write-ins - Carol Ireland 1.	
Cemetery Commissioner for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Alan Thulander - Write-in	10
Write-ins - Judy Wright 2, Sue Kelly 1, Linda Kelly 1, Bert McClary 4, Barbara J. Carbee 1, Richard Leavitt 5, Stuart Clark, Jr. 9, Gary Slamin 1, Frank Jones 1, Patrick Hooper 1, John Hardwick 1, Donald Abbott 1, Kris Stewart 1, Richard Roberts 1, Colin Wilder 1, Rob Ames 3, Gary Slamin 1, Ann Stewart 1, Denise Hunsaker 1, Lucy Paige 3, Robert Hunsaker 1, Gary Paige 1, David Jonas 1, Ed Jones 1, Richard Cilley 1, Hobart Kiblin 1.	
Firewards for One Year (Vote for Five)	
Donald C. Abbott	444
David A. Ballou	417
Brian Delahanty	420
Richard F. Leavitt	418
Alvin L. VanCleave	421
Write-ins - Richard Miller 1, Steven Miller 1, John Paige 1, Larry Kullgren 2, Gary Paige 4, David Kullgren 2, Gary Slamin 1, Richard Pierson 1, Farres 1.	
CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS	
Moderator for One Year (Vote for One)	
Gary W. Gagnon	410
Write-in - Susan Clay 1.	
School Board Member for Three Years (Vote for One)	
Denice L. Glover	334
C. Scott Keith	144
Write-ins - Alan Thulander 1.	

Meeting was recessed at 9:24 PM until 10:00 AM Saturday March 16, 1996.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the sixteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Resolution by the Town Moderator, Paul Lawrence, Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown hereby extend their gratitude and thanks to Jane R. Lawrence for her wise and astute service to the Town of Francestown as School Board member for 6 years and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jane R. Lawrence by the Town Clerk.
Town Moderator Paul Lawrence asked for approval from audience, approval granted.

Resolution by the Town Moderator, Paul Lawrence, Be it resolved the citizens of Francestown would like to extend their thanks to Nancy Rice for her dedicated service to the Town of Francestown as Recreation Commission member for 14 years and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nancy Rice by the Town Clerk.
Town Moderator Paul Lawrence asked for approval from audience, approval granted.

Article 2.
Motion made by David Jonas to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same. Total amount of operating budget \$846,500.
Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996.

February 5, 1996

Bert B. McClary, Jr.	Selectmen
O. Alan Thulander	of
John W. Jenkins	Francestown

Purpose of Appropriation
(RSA 31:4)

General Government	
Executive	29,175
Election/Town Clerk	26,060
Financial Administration	20,775
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,950
Legal Expenses	25,000
Medical Expenses	19,944
FICA/Medicare	20,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,250
Workman's Compensation	3,000
Planning & Zoning	10,800
Planning Board Review	5,000
General Bldg Maintenance	16,937
Cemeteries	6,525
Insurance	33,000
Regional Associates Dues	654
Public Safety	

Police Department	48,025
Ambulance	12,300
Fire Department	26,000
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500
Highway, Street, Bridges	
Town Maintenance	161,750
General Expenses Highway	66,650
Resealing & Patching	55,000
Graveling	40,000
Bridges	19,000
Street Lighting	4,200
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851
Landfill Well Test	4,575
Health	
Health Departments	2,712
Welfare	
General Assistance	5,000
Culture and Recreation	
Recreation	20,799
Library	39,333
Conservation	
Conservation Commission	1,000
Debt Service	
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000
Interest-Long Term Notes	4,935
Interest on TAN	5,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$846,500

Motion made by David Connard to amend Financial Administration from \$20,775. to \$17,000.

Seconded by Colin Wilder.

A hand vote was taken - results yes 41, no 49, Amendment not carried.

Motion made by Alan Thulander amendments to line items under General Government, to amend the amount of Legal Expenses to increase that amount by \$15,000., from \$25,000. to \$40,000., also to amend the FICA/Medicare amount by \$3,000., from \$20,000. to \$23,000.

Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Alan Thulander to amend line item of Town Maintenance under Highway, Street, Bridges, to increase by \$6,000. from \$161,750. to \$167,750.

Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Nancy Rice to amend line item Recreation under Culture and Recreation to increase by \$3,500 from \$20,799. to \$24,299. for a part time paid Recreation Director for 1996.

Seconded by Scott Carbee.
Motion to amend carried.

Total Operating Budget increased from \$846,500. to \$874,000.
Article 2 as amended carried.

Amended Total Operating Budget 1996 \$874,000., as follows:

General Government	
Executive	29,175
Election/Town Clerk	26,060
Financial Administration	20,775
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,950
Legal Expenses	40,000
Medical Expenses	19,944
FICA/Medicare	23,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,250
Workman's Compensation	3,000
Planning & Zoning	10,800
Planning Board Review	5,000
General Bldg Maintenance	16,937
Cemeteries	6,525
Insurance	33,000
Regional Associates Dues	654
Public Safety	
Police Department	48,025
Ambulance	12,300
Fire Department	26,000
Building Inspector	800
Emergency Management	500
Highway, Street, Bridges	
Town Maintenance	167,750
General Expenses Highway	66,650
Resealing & Patching	55,000
Graveling	40,000
Bridges	19,000
Street Lighting	4,200
Sanitation	
Solid Waste Disposal	79,851
Landfill Well Test	4,575
Health	
Health Departments	2,712
Welfare	
General Assistance	5,000
Culture and Recreation	
Recreation	24,299
Library	39,333
Conservation	
Conservation Commission	1,000
Debt Service	
Principal-Long Term Notes	25,000

Interest-Long Term Notes
Interest on TAN

4,935
5,000

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET As amended

\$874,000

Article 3.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$59,600.00) to reconstruct and pave the remaining portion of Todd Road - the project to be completed as recommended and described in the report of the Road Improvement Sub-Committee, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Scott Carbee.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote.

Seconded by Gordon Sherman. Motion to move the question carried.

Taken by a hand vote Yes 38, No 69.

Article 3 not carried.

Article 4.

Motion made by David Connard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$96,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$35,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	20,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	10,000.00

Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Susan Connard.

Motion to amend made by David Connard to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as directed by the selectmen.

Moderator allowed the amendment to be clarified to read; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$27,000.
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	600.
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	15,000.
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	4,500.
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	3,900.
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	8,000.
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	8,000.
Future Town Road Improvements	8,000.

Motion by Herbert Bromberg to move the question. Seconded by David Ballou.

Motion to move the question carried.

Motion to amend not carried.

Motion made by Harold Varnum to amend Article 4, Future Town Road Improvements to increase by \$60,000. to read \$70,000.

Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to amend carried.

Motion made by Louis Wiederhold to move the question. Seconded by Clayton Foote.
Motion to move the questions carried.

Article 4 amended as follows:

Motion made by Louis Wiederhold to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$156,500.) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$35,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	20,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	10,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	70,000.00

Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Article 4 as amended carried.

Motion made by Abigail Arnold to restrict reconsideration of Article 4.
Seconded by Clayton Foote.

Motion not to allow reconsideration of Article 4 carried.

Motion made by Harold Varnum to advance Article 9 after Article 4. Seconded by Kenneth Campbell.
Motion to advance Article 9 carried.

Article 9.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) to repair the Bixby Mill Dam and dredge the pond area behind it as required; and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$21,963.91) plus accrued interest from the Capital Reserve Fund (Bixby Mill Pond Dam), the remaining balance to be raised by Taxation as non-lapsing funds for this purpose, or take any other action relating thereto; and if the foregoing is approved, vote to close the subject capital reserve account, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Louis Wiederhold.
Motion by Mary Lindstrom to move the question. Seconded by Clayton Foote.
Motion to move the question carried.

Article 9 Carried.

Motion made by Randall Wheeler to restrict reconsideration of Article 9.
Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to restrict reconsideration carried.

Article 5.

Motion made by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to authorize the

Selectmen to sell the 1992 Police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,950.00); for the purpose of acquiring a new Police cruiser such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$12,900.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Replacement of Police Cruiser" the balance remaining to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Peter Flood.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Gary Paige.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 5 carried.

Article 6.

Motion made by Jeff Gorton to see if the Town will vote to transfer Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$717.20) of unexpended Conservation Commission prior appropriations carried forward, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$9282.80). The total not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Scott Carbee.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Jeff Gorton.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 6 carried.

Article 7.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$1,861.00) to retire the outstanding debt of the 1995 Underhill Field improvement project; such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of required amount from the Capital Reserve Fund "Recreation Lands" or take any other action related thereto;

Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote. Seconded by Katherine Gadwah.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 7 carried.

Article 8.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purchase of three (3) roll-off containers for the Transfer Station. Uses of the containers are: One (1) 50 yard container for construction debris; One (1) 50 yard container for three colors of glass; and One (1) 50 yard container for storage and shipment of old newsprint, or take any other action related thereto;

Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by David Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 8 carried.

Article 10.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to establish a capital reserve fund named "New Highway Department Building", or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Hobart Kiblin.

Motion to move the question by Clayton Foote. Seconded by Sue Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 10 carried.

Article 11.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) for the purchase of a government surplus dump truck up to Ten Thousand Dollars (10,000.00) should one become available and a government surplus pick-up truck up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) should one become available, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund "Replacement of Road Equipment" or take any other action relating thereto; Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Peter Flood.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 11 carried.

Article 12. (By Petition)

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encourage the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Motion by Clayton Foote to move the question. Seconded by Sue Jonas.

Motion to move the question carried.

Article 12 carried.

Article 13.

Motion made and seconded to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Alan Thulander recognizes Abigail Arnold, the members of the Planning Board and all volunteers for the tremendous job putting together the Master Plan.

Resolution by Alan Thulander - Be it resolved that the citizens of Francetown hereby extend their thanks to Bert McClary, Jr. for his unstinting service to the Town of Francetown as Selectman for nine years and as a planning board member for three years and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. McClary by the Town Clerk. Moved & Seconded. Moved by unanimous vote.

Sirrka Holm speaks - I have been a Ballot Clerk for several years now and one of the most wonderful persons which whom I have had the pleasure of working with in all of them is Betty Behrsing, and she is dropping off the board and I think we should give her a rising hand. All rose and gave her a round of applause.

The Moderator speaks, one other person I was personally pleased to see here

was Harry Varnum.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

A True Copy of Record-Attest:

Elaine T. McClary
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN- 1996

The population of Francestown was 1218.

There were 984 registered voters; 390 Republican, 206 Democratic, and 388 Independent.

There were 26 Building permits issued: 4 residential, 7 additions, 4 garages, 2 porches, 2 barns, 2 decks, and 5 sheds.

Francestown Improvement and Historical Society sponsored the 79th Labor Day weekend celebration. The parade theme was "Childhood Memories". Other Labor Day events included the 2nd annual Mud Volleyball Tournament, the juried arts and crafts exhibit and sale, and open house at the Historical Rooms.

The Old Meeting House had 144 annual members and 107 lifetime members. OMH became eligible to receive the \$15,000 grant from the Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation of Boca Raton, Florida by raising \$50,000 before December 1, 1996. This money will be used for restoration of the OMH. Improvements in 1996 included ; building a cabinet for china display and renovations for moisture control. The later included regrading of the grounds, pointing the foundation, and repositioning the front step so that water will run away from the building. A granite walkway and new lawn finished off the project. Many events were held at the OMH including; 6 weddings, the annual Labor Day Vespers., the Red School graduation and other school programs, the Monadnock Music Concert and Candy Wharton's Meeting House Minstrels. In June, OMH participated in the Grand Monadnock Steeplechase complete with tours of the meetinghouse, guides in period costumes and luncheon. Fund raising events included; Northern Lights Bluegrass Music in May, a lecture and slide show about Russia given by Joel Palmer also in May, Jonathan Edwards and Lisa McCormick in July, Melanie concert in August and Operitisti Music Program in October. There were several art exhibits by local artisans including; Rick Ayotte, Wendy Christensen and Evelyn Carlson.

Rev Keta Jones served as minister of the Community Church. Rev Jones took a sabbatical for 3 months and traveled to Israel. There were 110 members of the church and the church recorded 3 baptisms, 4 marriages, 4 deaths and 5 new members for the year. Other church activities included; One Great Hour of Sharing in March with donations benefiting the Church food pantry, Greenfield food pantry, New Horizons Soup Kitchen and the Vallore Christian Medical Center in India, Blanket Sunday was in May, The Fun Fair in June which benefited the heifer project, Vacation Bible School in August, a special offering to benefit Habitat for Humanity in September, the Fall Festival and the CROP WALK in October, and an alternative Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Youth Group in November in which some participants were invited to a table with turkey and all the trimmings representing the "HAVES" while others sat down to a table with only rice representing the "HAVE NOTS". The church hosted the Live and Learn Series which included 5 programs: Liturgical Dancers performed in March. In August, Peter Zofha and Patrik Serek from Slovakia spoke about issues of democracy in their country. Carl and Ruth Roehrig spoke about their trip to Egypt and Rev Keta Jones shared her experiences in Israel at the September session. In October, Avis Moller a wildlife rehabilitator spoke about working with animals and requirements for being licensed. At the November session, Juliet Garesche talked about her trip to Argentina.

The Oak Hill Grange #32 had 34 members, 7 of which were gold sheaf members (members of 50 or more years). The Grange Master was Dorothy Hardwick. The recipient of the annual Citizen's Award was Nancy Rice. The Grange held an open meeting in January for the public to meet the candidates running for State Representative and in February held "Meet the Candidates Night" to allow the public to meet candidates running for State Representative, Town election and School Board, and also to read the town budget. Oak Hill Grange entered a float, "Saturday Bath Night" in the Labor Day Parade and won the Grand Prize, held their annual Grange Fair in September and also had a blue ribbon exhibit in the Hillsborough County Fair.

The Franchestown Red School had an enrollment of 114 students for the year ending June 1996.

The Franchestown Community Pre-School had an enrollment of sixteen 3 and 4 year olds from Franchestown. The school entered a float, "Playground Memories" in the Labor Day parade and won first place in the "Most Appropriate" category.

The Community Theatre put on a 2 Act Comedy "Cocktails with Mimi" in March. They took their production on the road and performed at the Crotchet Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

The Explorers had to close up their post because membership fell below the 5 person minimum, but Franchestown gained 3 full time members from the post for their volunteer fire and rescue squad.

There were 39 boys in the Tiger and Cub Scout Troops. A Boy Scout Troop was started and had 5 members. This is the first Boy Scout Troop on record in the town. Senior Girl Scouts had 4 members, Cadettes 6 members, Juniors 14 members, Brownies 18 members and Daisies 8 members.

The year began with multiple snowstorms that continued into April and brought the total snowfall to 167", just 3 inches short of the record set in the '92-'93 season.

In March, the Conval School District voted to change the school funding formula from 75% enrollment, 25% valuation to a 50%-50% split. This change increased Franchestown's taxes by about 3%.

The landscape at Tory Pines changed when the old barn was demolished in April. The barn was distinctive because of its twin silos.

In September, the first issue of the Franchestown News was published.

After much debate and special meetings to air concerns over where to locate Franchestown's new elementary school, the Conval School Board voted to go ahead with the original Cram's Inn site. Official groundbreaking for the new school was performed in October.

The Franchestown Food Co-op met twice a month at the Town Hall.

Heavy rains and winds hit the area in October causing much flooding.

Winter returned with a vengeance in December with a heavy wet snowstorm that downed trees and power lines and cut off power and cable service for 12 hours in town and in outlying areas for longer.

To the best of my knowledge, residents who served in the armed forces were; USAF- Sgt. Richard A. Kiczek, National Guard- Capt. Tim Ainsworth, Air National Guard- Lt. Col. Sylvia Johnson and Tech. Sgt. Sandy Collins.

Francestown felt the loss of several residents in 1996:

March 14, 1996- Dorothy E. Wiley, active in many organizations including the General Federation of Women's Clubs, of which she served as state president for 2 years. She owned and operated Somerset Farms in Somers, Conn. with her husband.

June 24, 1996- Robert Duncan Murray, a resident since 1956 owned and operated Murray Construction Company from 1983-1994. He was a member of the Good Roads Association in Concord and worked for the Greenfield Highway Department.

September 9, 1996- Ruth Benedict, born in Stoneham, Ma., she moved to Francestown in 1974. She was a member of many organizations including the Women's Guild, and was an associate member of the Community Church of Francestown. She was also involved with the arts and crafts booth at the Francestown Labor Day celebrations for many years. She served as secretary for Stoneham Ma Historical society for 10 years.

September 16, 1996- Rhoda Lee Burden, a resident in town since 1969, traveled and lived in Europe for several years. She spoke many languages. She restored art at the Fogg Museum in Cambridge, Ma and was well known for her skills at knitting and creating hooked rugs.

December 24, 1996- Robert J. Behrsing, a retired graphic arts teacher and owner of Francestown Press.

December 26, 1996- Gilbert Edwin Wiley, worked for DeBelle and Richardson Plastics Co. in Hazardville, Conn. for 6 years and owned and operated Somerset Farms in Somers, Conn. He was a champion marksman and a member of the Contoocook Rifle Club and was a master gardener.

All will be greatly missed by the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holmes, Historian

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francessstown on December 31, 1996

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	PRINCIPAL			INCOME DURING YEAR			Balance End of Year	Total Trust Fund End of Year	
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount			Expended During Year
CEMETERY FUNDS:													
	CEMETERY FUNDS	CEMETERY CARE	BANK DEPOSITS		\$32,130.00	\$350.00		\$32,480.00	\$1,790.36	\$794.54	\$10.00	\$2,575.09	\$35,055.09
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUNDS:													
	LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS	LIB & ED	BANK DEPOSIT		\$5,153.00			\$5,153.00	6,304.45	\$54.22	58.36	6,800.32	\$5,153.00
	LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS	LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS	BANK DEPOSIT		\$5,153.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,153.00	\$8,304.45	\$0.00	\$84.36	\$8,388.36	\$11,753.32
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS													
1955	REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS	CAPITAL RESERVE			4,326.62	35,000.00		39,326.62	0.00			321.82	39,648.44
1960	REPLACEMENT OF ROAD	CAPITAL RESERVE			44,329.82	20,000.00		60,454.82	1,421.77	3,403.02		4,824.79	65,279.61
1962	IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY	CAPITAL RESERVE			8,464.00	200.00		8,664.00	7,630.56	1,043.87		8,614.53	15,278.53
1968	FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS	CAPITAL RESERVE			3,484.42	500.00		3,984.42	6,984.42	278.21		7,262.63	12,541.15
1975	POLICE CRUISER	CAPITAL RESERVE			12,100.00	6,000.00		18,100.00	819.01	500.97		1,319.98	19,419.98
1976	FUTURE LIBRARY BUILDING	CAPITAL RESERVE			5,000.00			5,000.00	1,555.79	1,555.79		3,244.91	8,244.91
1986	RECREATION LANDS	CAPITAL RESERVE			2,100.25	5,000.00		7,100.25	1,863.91	1,863.91		3,244.91	10,345.16
1990	RECREATION LANDS	CAPITAL RESERVE			20,000.00	10,000.00		30,000.00	2,096.86	155.98		2,252.84	32,252.84
1992	BIXBY MILL DAM	CAPITAL RESERVE			20,000.00			20,000.00	857.91	1,558.90		2,416.81	22,416.81
1994	TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			10,000.00			10,000.00	1,863.91	1,863.91		3,727.82	13,727.82
1994	TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			10,000.00			10,000.00	2,113.67	1,213.67		3,327.34	13,327.34
1996	HIGHWAY BUILDING	CAPITAL RESERVE			15,354.11	5,000.00		20,354.11	211.38	759.53		970.91	21,325.02
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$57,354.11	\$16,700.00		\$74,054.11	\$24,986.05	\$0.00		\$3,497.59	\$98,551.65

1996 Public Assistance Administrator's Report

The local economy, at least in its impact on Francetown, seems to have finally leveled, as the requests for assistance are very minimal. So far, changes in the State Welfare Regulations have not had a negative impact on Francetown.

In most instances, calls are for information as to other services that are available - Food Stamps, Fuel Assistance and Meals On Wheels - service programs that clients do not have to go through the Town to access direct benefits. If one needs additional information about these programs, please call me.

If you or anyone you know is in need of help with fuel, please encourage them to call regarding fuel assistance. We are concerned that some citizens, especially those on a limited fixed income, will forego proper nutrition for the higher costs of heating fuel and electricity.

Again, if you would like to make donations to others in town, please contact me in advance. Also, although donations of used furniture, appliances and clothing are sometimes needed in emergency situations, usually this office can't place these items. For large items it is suggested that notices be posted or donations made to Labor Day, Salvation Army, local churches, etc. To participate in holiday giving, please do a little *pre-planning*. Unless there's an emergency, offers to donate a few days before a major holiday cannot be adequately addressed as often deliveries have already been made.

This year the Masons took care of almost everyone... and their willingness and generosity in donating \$400. for Francetown spending is greatly appreciated. Not only did the Masons fund Thanksgiving baskets for a few Francetown families, but the bulk of Christmas spending was funded by the Masons as well. As the time frame to work through the Rotary Club's Operation Santa had past, I was able to provide a Francetown family with new warm winter clothing. Food gift certificates were also given to a few households.

The Senior Girl Scouts, Sarah & Jessie O'Donnell, Mariel & Larissa Powers and Krista Berry again made deliveries with me and visited with many senior citizens, bringing holiday plants and hand-made gifts. The Cub Scouts again prepared three full boxed Christmas dinner baskets brimming with fresh foods and produce, with turkeys or hams being donated. Although the Christmas season is incredibly hectic, it is very exciting to see dozens of our Francetown youth caring for others. The list of names is too long for this report but at Town Meeting it will be posted so all in the community can recognize how fortunate Francetown is to have children volunteering their time and energies to give to others.

Anyone needing assistance should call me directly (588-2519) to apply for services. Note that all matters are confidential and are not part of the public record. Please call if you have any questions about eligibility requirements for various assistance programs.

Respectfully submitted,

BJ Carbee

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date & Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Bride & Groom	Residence of Bach at Time of Marriage	Name & Residence of Person By Whom Married
01/06/96 Francestown	Steven Paul Smith Marisa Andrea Toti	Warwick, RI Charlestown, RI	John B. Perry, III Francestown, NH
05/03/96 Merrimack	Gregory Bruce Colvin Monica Salvesen	Merrimack, NH Francestown, NH	Harriet A. Hooley Merrimack, NH
05/04/96 Francestown	Jonathan H. McCoy Lissa A. Marsh	Amherst, NH Francestown, NH	Gordon R. Sherman, Jr. Francestown, NH
06/22/96 Francestown	Robert B. Eggleston Paula M. Welch	Francestown, NH Francestown, NH	Donna J. Shelto Weare, NH
07/13/96 Francestown	Mark Jason Roberts Heather Draves Greenwood	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA	Lewia S. Stone Peterborough, NH
08/03/96 Francestown	James Ronald Marcier Elizabeth Ann Elliott	Sturbridge, MA Sturbridge, MA	Keta C. Jones Francestown, NH
08/10/96 Peterborough	Paul Joseph Bernard Jennifer Louise Roedel	Haverhill, MA Francestown, NH	Lewis S. Stone Peterborough, NH
08/10/96 Francestown	Scott Arthur Smith Jennifer Miriam Staub	Boatton, MA Boatton, MA	Carolyn Dittes Jamaica Plain, MA
08/11/96 Francestown	Luis A. Gallop Margie Richmond Matthews	Francestown, NH Chapel Hill, NC	Paul H. Lawrence Francestown, NH
11/02/96 Weare	David Joseph Trumble Linda Sue Taylor	Francestown, NH Francestown, NH	Jonathan B. Brooks New Boston, NH
11/09/96 Francestown	Jess Eugene Riggle Jennifer Lee Jackson	Alexandria, VA Alexandria, VA	William J. Adams Amherst, NH
11/30/96 Milford	Terence Joseph O'Brien Janet Marcella	Amherst, NH Francestown, NH	Andrew W. Cryens Milford, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCHSTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Date & Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Bride & Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name & Residence of Person By Whom Married
12/06/96 Franchstown	George John Ravalico Jennifer Mae Jane	Nashua, NH Franchstown, NH	Thomas P. Walsh Tewksbury, MA
12/20/96 Franchstown	Ronald Lee Kullgren Karen Elizabeth Foote	Franchstown, NH Franchstown, NH	Keta C. Jones Franchstown, NH
			Reverend Pastor

I hereby Certify the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Blaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCHETOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN SURNAME OF MOTHER
03/06/96	Peterborough, NH	Campbell John French	John Maurice French, Jr.	Cynthia Grace Howland
03/25/96	Peterborough, NH	Jordan Annmaris Cilley	George Carl Cilley, Jr.	Ann Marie Paradise
04/09/96	Peterborough, NH	Clelle Ada Fielding	Evan Kent Fielding	Wendy Sallie Walker
04/18/96	Nashua, NH	Jill Leigh McLeod	Wayne Alan McLeod	Leigh Sheila Larsen
05/18/96	Nashua, NH	Jared Ford Creighton	Jay Frances Creighton	Alice Hope Ouellette
06/28/96	Manchester, NH	Annikka Dean Roy	Matthew James Roy	Jennifer Joan Henke
07/02/96	Nashua, NH	Natasha Vail Antkowiak	John Stephen Antkowiak	Jennifer Marie Trumbull
07/03/96	Nashua, NH	Emily Ann Peters	Thomas Wayne Peters	Annette Byrd
09/21/96	Nashua, NH	Daniel Matthew Ruzicka	Matthew Hunter Ruzicka	Mary Margaret Pung
09/29/96	Manchester, NH	Cole Scott Eby	Richard Kerr Eby	Catherine Louise Gilroy
09/30/96	Peterborough, NH	Benjamin George Mescott	William Arthur Mescott	Katherine Louise Marling
10/03/96	Peterborough, NH	Merrick Dillion Chase	Eric Hugh Chase	Peggy Rae Abbott
10/14/96	Peterborough, NH	Monica Ruth Pierson	Richard William Pierson	Carla Ann Nickerson
10/30/96	Nashua, NH	Elizabeth Jean Roberts	Richard Dennis Roberts	Lori Jean Hardwick
12/11/96	Peterborough, NH	Molly Belle Loz	Michael Wally Loz	Janice Louise Leonard

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Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCES TOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
01/24/96	Frances town, NH	Robert Lincoln Baker	Charles E. Baker	Olive Handy
03/14/96	Concord, NH	Dorothy Elizabeth Wiley	George Raymond Couch	Levinia Schleiter
06/24/96	Peterborough, NH	Robert Duncan Murray	John Murray	Blanche Naylor
09/09/96	Frances town, NH	Lydia Ruth Buchanan	Clifton G. Buchanan	Lydia Daniels
12/24/96	Peterborough, NH	Robert Julius Behrsing	Julius Behrsing	Josephine Maguire
12/26/96	Frances town, NH	Gilbert Edwin Wiley	Howard Carter Wiley	Myrtle Beabe

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Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

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